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A Faith to Live by

The Book in the Drawer

by Eva Marie Johnson

ONE morning as I was very busy in the office, the secretary appeared in the doorway and said that the gentleman in room number six wanted to see me. I did not know the gentleman to whom she referred and asked what he wanted. She replied that he was interested in the book that was in the drawer of the bedstand and wished to talk to me about it. I knew that the "book" was the New Testament. There is one beside each bed in the hospital. The Gideons furnish them for the patients to use. I hurried upstairs and made two new friends.

After greetings and general pleasantries were exchanged, I told them that I understood that they wanted to talk to me. The gentleman was the husband of the patient interned in number six. He told me that he was interested in "the little blue book" which he had found in the bedstand and that the nurse had read a part of it which he had hidden away very carefully in his mind.

I explained to him that the "book" was the New Testament which contains the history of the life of Jesus and the beginning of the Christian Church. He said that he was somewhat familiar with it, but that he found this one easier to read than the one which he had at home. I was surprised to discover that he had a Bible at home be-

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cause the majority of our patients who are not Protestant have never seen one until they come here. So I asked him about it, and he related the following story.

In a small village literally translated, "Saint Peter, Fat Rock," in the state of Zacatecas, Mexico, about fifteen years ago lived a little old white-haired man who had received the gospel of Jesus Christ and knew how to live by faith. He must have been the epitome of kindness and discipline, for so he was described to me. He lived a victorious life and shared his knowledge and faith with his neighbors. They gathered in his home to sing, read and pray.

The old man possessed a Bible and he would read and talk about it with his neighbors. One of his neighbors, my new friend, was so fascinated with the book and the way the old man lived that he decided to learn to read to see for himself if the old man was really telling the truth.

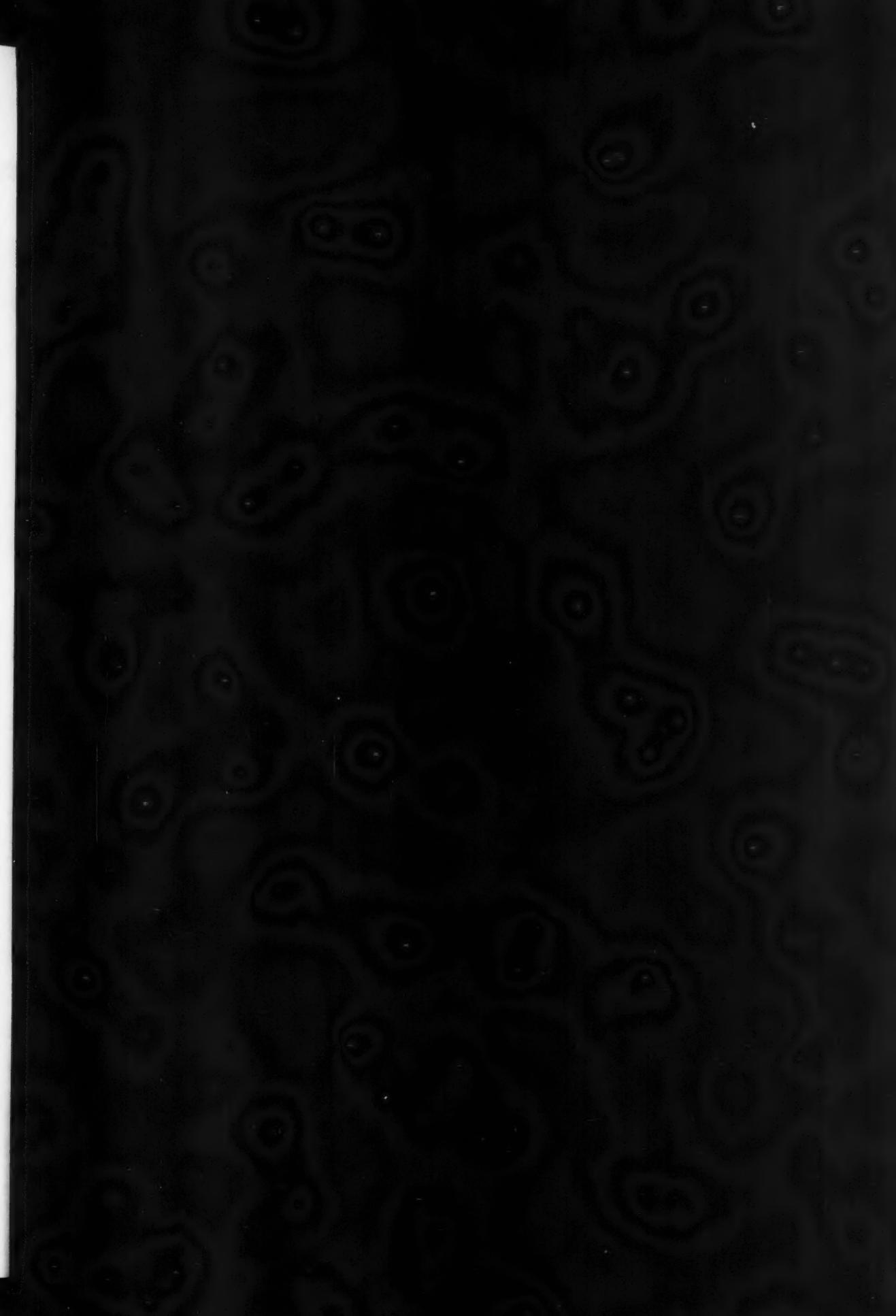
He purchased a Bible and little by little, day after day, week after week, he taught himself to read. There was no school or teacher in the rural area where he lived and he had to learn by himself. Communication was poor and people work hard in the country so he never learned to read very well, but sufficiently well, he told me, so that he knew that what the old man had taught him was what the book said.

The old man died and the neighborhood meetings discontinued. My friend had a large family and, being determined to educate his children, he had to work hard from early till late and had little time for reading. He read from a half-page to a full-page a day, he told me, spelling out each word as he went along. But it was a beautiful book and he took good care of it. Beautiful in its message, he meant; it did something to him. How he longed, he said, to have someone who really knew the "book" to read, explain and teach him.

I took the New Testament from the drawer where the nurse had replaced it; and spent an hour and a half reading and talking about it with the man and his wife. He asked all kinds of questions, some very difficult ones which I could not answer to his satisfaction. How could God be eternal? he wanted to know; everything had to have a beginning. I said that there are things which I cannot explain and I accept them by faith.

We had a delightful time, and when I just had to tear myself away to go back to work, the couple urged me to visit them in "Saint Peter, Fat Rock," and teach them again. The wife expressed her appreciation of the hymns they had sung long before in the neighborhood meetings.

As I left them, I thought of the old man and the faith he lived by. I thought of the couple I had just met, of their eagerness and hunger to know; and I vowed that somehow I, or one of my colleagues, would continue teaching these new friends until they, too, possessed a faith to live by.





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He Went To...Buckingham Palace



by Frank Edmund See

DURING the blood-red days of the carnage which we now call World War II, a friend of mine served with the Canadian army in the European theater. As the forces of the Allied Cause thundered and crushed their way across the continent, a royal summons reached him! Unknown to him he had been "mentioned in dispatches" for his notable, morale-building ministry among the battle-weary troops. His outstanding service record had been called to the attention of the late sovereign of England, King George the Sixth.

So it happened that in the darkness of those death-dealing days a communiqué was handed him. It conveyed an invitation to appear at Buckingham Palace where the king would be pleased to confer on him the MBE, "Member of the British Empire."

At the time his regiment was fighting a frightening encounter with the enemy, and all furloughs had been cancelled. Yet the call from the king took precedence over everything else. My friend was accorded every deference! Hurriedly he exchanged his battle apparel for clean and more comfortable dress uniform. Special transportation was placed at his disposal.

As we sat before the glowing embers on the hearth, my friend related what happened to him when he arrived at the palace. He was first ushered into a sound-proof waiting room where officials solemnly briefed him in the procedures and protocol of the investiture.

Then the great moment came. A fanfare of trumpets sounded forth. The big doors were opened into a palatial hall. It was crowded with many witnesses. With solemn dignity an unseen voice announced his name. The string orchestra of the Grenadier Guards began to play softly.

My awe-struck friend saw the king himself, resplendently uniformed, standing at the summit of a long ramp. Self-consciously he made his way forward. When he reached the place where his

Majesty was waiting for him, he bowed, stepped back one pace, and came to attention. Haltingly, the king spoke: "Captain," he asked, "how long have you been serving over here?" "Your Majesty," answered my friend, "I have been in England and on the continent for four years." The king then offered his hand.

Mentioning the emotions that swept over him my friend told me: "I dropped my eyes and I felt the king's hand tighten its grip. What seemed like a long time but was really only a few seconds, he didn't speak. When I looked into his face again, tears were trickling down that great man's cheeks." Obviously struggling to control his feelings, the king said: "I want to thank you, Captain, for spending all this time away from your home and loved ones to help and serve my people." Then the beloved monarch pinned a medal on my friend's uniform, the sign and symbol of the kingly honor given him for sacrifice and service!

Do you not see the spiritual analogy here? Each of us is a participant in an unending struggle. It is not a clash of sword, upon sword, of blood soaking the soil of the earth. The Apostle Paul's realistic recital of the truth indicates that it is a spiritual conflict. He says, "We are . . . contending against . . . world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."

Abraham Lincoln succinctly phrased it—"There is no ground between right and wrong, except battle ground." And the battle lines are always drawn when the forces of good are locked in the deep and deadly struggle with the forces of evil. Every Disciple of Christ is engaged in this war. Each of us wears the uniform of the King of kings, fighting to be "more than conquerors through Him who loved us."

But for those who stand the sweat and agony of being a soldier of the cross there inevitably comes the summons from the King. Sooner or later, in the midst of the spiritual struggles of this life, we become aware of the gesture and finger of

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Editorials

Freedom of the Pulpit

PRECIOUS few perches are more precarious than the pulpit. A businessman may expound the queerest of philosophies, but he will make money if he has a product for sale which people want to buy. The preacher receives his money whether he is putting out any products or not—for a while. There will come a day of reckoning.

Suppose the pulpit has something to sell which the pew does not wish to buy. And yet, the pew has committed itself to pay the pulpit expenses until a ninety-day notice to the contrary is given. This is the precarious aspect of the situation.

If there is an easy solution to this problem we have not discovered it. Some ministers have an easy one. The pulpit belongs to them and God. They must be permitted to say anything they please, under the assumption that God also approves what they are saying.

Some laymen have an easy solution. It agrees with the viewpoint expressed in Acts 22:22: "Up to this word they listened to him; then they lifted up their voices and said, 'Away with such a fellow from the earth!'" What God has not said to them already ought not to be said. The minister should simply repeat the comfortable words in their hearing.

Commenting upon two social problems that concern so many in these days, alcoholism and racial conflict, a writer in *The Commission*, a Southern Baptist World Journal, wrote, in November, 1958:

"It could well be tragic that in many Baptist circles and pulpits there is no religious liberty to speak on these moral, and therefore, religious, issues."

Such conditions prevail in many church circles, named by many names. Let us suppose that in every congregation in America there are numbers of members who wish the minister to preach the "full gospel." This is the case, as a matter of fact. But there will be some in most of those congregations who will attempt to dictate what should be preached.

Then the pastor faces another dilemma. Shall he bow to the minority and keep the peace? Or, shall he say, with kindness and firmness, what he understands the gospel of

Christ to say on the subject—and cause a church fight?

Happily, scores of churches do not labor under such suspicious conditions. All across the country, there are pastors and congregations that face the ethical issues of the times together, with prayer, perseverance and candor.

Although we do not know the full solution to a very real problem, we know some of the necessary conditions for a solution. All men are fallible and must realize it. God's will is expressed only partially through men because they do not fully grasp it. All men, at one time or another, resist hearing what God has to say. It is too incriminating.

When men speak, they must speak in humility. They are earthen vessels. They must forgive as they expect to be forgiven. Then, God may be able to use them—together.

Some Smarting

IN A newspaper which could be identified but will be left nameless, we saw an interesting weather prediction for the morrow:

"Light to moderate smog. Will cause some smarting of the eyes." Smog doesn't appear to be lethal—it just causes "some smarting."

There are a lot of little irritations like that in life. We don't like them, but they do not seem serious enough for us to do very much about them. This is a dangerous course of action.

Whether the causes of smog are increasing we would not know. Perhaps the natural causes remain the same and the man-made causes bear some relation to the number of men and the things they do.

We are quite sure that the little irritations in the social and spiritual realms seldom remain little. Like the battle that was lost for want of a horseshoe nail, there are Christian causes which fail because someone felt only a little smarting of the eyes and decided that would clear up without any attention.

Paul held the coats while Stephen was stoned. When his eyes were blinded on the Damascus road, he began to take the situation seriously. The great missionary of the first generation of Christians took the irritation seriously.

A lot of eyes are smarting today and too many Christians just stand and rub them.

John Harms, Former Church Federation Executive in Chicago, Discusses The Imperative of Cooperation

Urban Church Cooperation —A Must!

by Dave Meade
(Chicago Daily News)

An interview by Dave Meade, CHICAGO DAILY NEWS religious writer, with John W. Harms, well-known Disciple who was executive vice-president of the Church Federation of Greater Chicago, as he prepared to leave for his new work in Indiana as state secretary for Indiana Christian Churches. The interview is reprinted here with the permission of Maurice Fischer, DAILY NEWS city editor.

The city's worst problems—crime and delinquency, slums, poverty, family disintegration, racial conflict—weigh heavily on the conscience of the churches.

In many ways, the churches have been doing things about the urban rot, but . . .

"The blunt truth is we're not doing enough," warned Chicago's retiring "Mr. Church Federation," Dr. John W. Harms.

One of the functions of the church, he explained, is to help the community overcome the inherent selfish attitudes with which all of us approach the business of living.

Such attitudes, for example, affect business profits, real estate values, housing segregation, criminal rehabilitation—anything involving personal sacrifice for the common good.

"Concern for others," he said earnestly. "That's the heart of the church's message. It's got to be preached and taught day in and day out."

Dr. Harms, who at 58 has left his post as executive vice-president of the Church Federation of Greater Chicago, chose his words carefully in a farewell interview at the Federation head-

quarters.

Why are the churches behind in their mission to the city?

"Protestantism," he pointed out, "has a long history of division, of having practically unlimited and unrestrained sovereignty.

"These habits don't change suddenly. We are still in process of changing."

While separate denominations could go it alone in previous years, he said, today's complex problems require cooperative effort.

The gray-haired, soft-spoken scholarly looking church executive, who served 17½ years as chief administrative officer of the Federation, added:

"With few exceptions the modern church in the city is too much like its rural ancestor.

"It is too small for effective work in the city, and its program hasn't caught up with the revolutionary new social situation in which it must function.

"The ecumenical movement has come to the place where no one questions the validity of the idea of unity."

But the "next great step" challenging the ecumenical movement, he asserted, is to develop "a sense and understanding of the churches' corporate mission to the corporate life of the community."

Dr. Harms emphasized "Our need is for a specialized ministry, metropolitan-wide and at the local community level, which the churches have got to provide together."

He believes the Federation, as the cooperative body serving 1,200 churches in 28 Protestant



John W. Harms: "a corporate mission."

and Orthodox-Catholic denominations here, should:

Provide additional resources and leadership for local interchurch cooperation in such activities as urban renewal and rehabilitation, support of public education and law enforcement and youth and newcomer programs.

Expand its research and planning work to make a "comprehensive and intensive study of the life of the city, the moral and spiritual and social needs of its people and how the churches can serve these needs."

Greatly increase its use of modern means of communication—press, radio and television—including sponsorship of a weekly newspaper.

(Financial limitations make a newspaper publishing venture unlikely in the foreseeable future, he added.)

Make further contact with the Roman Catholic archdiocese and the Jewish community, both through joint efforts for civic improvement and frank, open discussion of honest differences.

The Protestant leader, said there has been a "notable increase" in interfaith projects here in the last three years. Church Federation in 1943. Since then its annual budget mushroomed from \$38,000 to \$296,000 and its staff has expanded from 12 to 41.

Unwanted - At Fifty

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by Raymond L. Alexander

A FRIEND and I stood on the corner and talked. He was a fellow minister. Because of circumstances beyond his control and due to no fault of his own, he was without a job. He said that no church wanted him because he was a bit past fifty. His health was excellent, his educational background of the best and his ability at its peak. His needs also were great, for his children were in, or approaching college. Here was a man of great ability, ready for his most useful service to the church, unwanted—at fifty!

The past few years have seen a rising awareness of the shortage of ministers which our brotherhood shares with other communions. The seminaries have been leading in studies concerning this shortage and have, in many instances, enlarged or are in the process of adding to facilities to make possible an increased enrollment. The colleges are holding conferences on church vocations and many churches are encouraging their finest young people to enter some church vocation.

Having grown up in the parsonage, I have been in the main stream of the life of the church since birth. No happier life could have been possible, as a child and

young person than that which I enjoyed along with my two brothers. Following my father into the ministry I have, in turn, had a very happy and richly satisfying life. My two sons are also following their grandfather and father into the ministry, one having completed his seminary work, and the second just beginning his undergraduate studies. I feel that they have also had a rich and satisfying life in the parsonage, else they would not have chosen the ministry as their life's work.

I am not seeking a church! I am happy where I am and I have never been without a job, nor have I ever had to seek one. I feel very strongly, however, that our churches are in need of some serious re-evaluation at the point of their consideration of the ministry.

In the face of a serious shortage of pastors and with our brotherhood seeking to recruit its best young people for the ministry, and with the anticipated expansion in the realm of new churches, it does seem to me that all too often churches are short-sighted at the point of seeking a minister.

When a pulpit is vacant the church appoints a pulpit committee. The committee, acting on instructions from the congregation, or on its own, sets forth

qualifications they desire in the new leadership. First among these is usually that the minister be young, supposedly so that he may be able to work with young people. Many committees arbitrarily eliminate consideration of any one over fifty years of age.

Other qualifications than that, follow in a descending scale. If successful in obtaining such a minister, and if the church is large enough to be able to afford a second staff member, they look for a director of Christian education or an associate minister, whose job is to be primarily that of working with young people.

Frequently such churches find they have denied themselves the valuable experience and rich background which only time can bring and have two or more on the staff without the depth of understanding necessary for the task of leadership in the church of today.

There are several fallacies revealed here! One and perhaps the most glaring, is that age is no indication of a minister's ability to work with young people. Just because a minister is young does not mean that he understands young people or that he can lead them effectively into growing Christian personalities. This is a quality which is independent of age. The most effec-

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Set Your Moods With Music

by Muriel Lederer

TODAY'S events rush by in kaleidoscopic fashion, contracting and relaxing emotions like a small boy playing with a rubber band.

Most adults and children, too, have some difficulty sliding up and down this mental scale. Our minds like to find an activity or mood and follow it with as little change as possible. Sometimes this is very good, as in the case of a student concentrating on his studies or a host's festive mood when entertaining guests. But sometimes our moods don't cooperate, don't match the activity. Yet, the mood persists, seemingly against our will.

For instance, a business executive, harassed and confronted with a myriad of problems during the day, looks forward to the evening and relaxation. The evening comes, but relaxation doesn't—his mind is still racing with the pattern established earlier.

The same executive might awaken with a bearish mood and, though he had plenty of sleep the night before, feel a lack of alertness and interest in the day's activities. It may be a bad day for this mood; an important client is due in or there is an overload of work that must be done.

Whether it is becoming alert for the day's activities or relax-

ing after a tough day at the office, psychologists now find you can do something about setting that mood—and you don't have to reach for a pill box or tonic bottle, either. Try making music.

A study of the findings of scientists and psychologists made by the American Music Conference confirms music's great powers of influence on the mind. Psychologists now know that music, when properly used, can relieve tension, reduce fatigue, stimulate passion, quiet anger, motivate action, soothe frustration, and, in general, almost create any mood we choose.

Dr. Alexander Capurso, director of music at Syracuse University, recorded the mood reactions of more than 2,000 students to selected passages of music. If more than half of the group reported uniform feelings of elation, sadness, patriotism, action, anger or any of a half dozen other moods in response to a particular composition, the piece was denoted a mood melody.

After several months of trial and error, Dr. Capurso has compiled a number of musical selections that show a definite and constant response from people who listen to them. *Claire de Lune* was found to be very soothing; the *Flight of the Bumble Bee* inspired activity and restlessness; the *Stars and Stripes For-*

ever produced a feeling of high elation.

Similarly, other psychologists have found that fits of anger can be relieved by playing impassioned music. Monotony is dispelled by music with a strong rhythmical beat. According to a report from Dr. Charles Dierens, sprightly music can reduce fatigue and increase an individual's strength, an item of special interest in the field of athletics.

Every coach knows how important it is for his team to be "up" for every game. Being "up" simply means having a state of mental preparedness that will insure the most determined effort to win.

Clarence E. (Biggie) Munn, athletic director for Michigan State University, credits much of the success of his teams on the field to their mental attitude. He points out that the band, which accompanies the team on its road trips, is a big factor in making the boys feel at ease in a strange stadium. Too, there is always a group of boys on the team itself who quell pre-game jitters with a little music on the road or in the locker room. As a result, the team saves its best effort for the field, where the band is ready to lead Michigan State supporters as they spur the team to victory.

While mood music's most val-

able contribution to athletes is its ability to inspire and stimulate; its primary contribution to today's business executive or housewife is its power to calm and relax.

Floyd S. Bordsen, one of four industrial psychologists on the staff of Sadler and Associates, a Chicago personnel management firm, has found music very useful in relieving business tensions.

Among Bordsen's case histories of personnel who use music to relax, is a young supervisor who was doing a good job, but, nevertheless, was under a nervous strain. Sadler and Associates recommended weekly piano lessons. Soon the young man was spending some time at the instrument each evening. Worries and tenseness disappeared in the concentration of making music, and he improved on his past good performance on the job.

Another example of an executive whom Bordsen encouraged to play a musical instrument is a young woman, a buyer for one of New York's largest department stores. Sadler tests revealed that she had high musical interest.

As a result, she started music lessons and found that she was able to add a rich talent that had lain dormant all of her life.

Bordsen points out that music is excellent for the diversion of older executives, also. An industrial leader in his sixties was encouraged to attend concerts and start a record collection. Another 40-year-old executive in a small town became a cellist in the local community orchestra and found not only relief from business tensions, but a new pleasure-filled pastime.

Says Bordsen of music as a relief valve for business pressures, "I work off tensions at the piano myself. I've found that playing occupies my mind in a pleasant manner and demands enough concentration to make me forget the worries of the day."

People in the arts often select music as a leisure-time companion. The actor who changes character a number of times in the course of a day's work keys emotions to its limits. A period of calm relaxation is often necessary to allow him to regain his bearings after a particularly difficult performance. Marlene Dietrich plays the violin and the musical saw; Anne Baxter plays the piano; Comedian Jerry Colonna, the trombone; Actor Sam Levenson, the violin; Sid Caesar, the saxophone; and Robert Taylor, the cello.

Psychologists have found the extent of these influences on adults to be in direct proportion to their interest and participation in music. Playing music is much more effective than just listening.

Active participation requires the dedication of the mind to insure correct expression. Listening, on the other hand, is a passive action, and the mind is not completely absorbed in the music. Also, creating music not only relieves other emotional factors more completely, but accomplishment, a basic result of participation, builds a vital sense of satisfaction and self-confidence.

The range of individuals to whom the psychological benefits of music can accrue, is virtually limitless. Music can be used by people of all ages to establish both the long-range attributes and to control the pesky moods that make them cross and irritable or leave them flat and uninpired in a moment of crisis.



Just a Minute . . .

by Chaplain
L. F. Zimmerman

These are the days of the year when the call of the open road and the lure of trout streams tantalize us so much that "our vacuum cleaner has a steering wheel and our torque wrench has fins." The call of the out-of-doors is upon us.

These are the days, too, when we begin to make excuses, protesting that one can worship God just as well by watching an outboard motor churn up the water or by sweeping the dirt out of a rented trailer parked beneath the redwoods. To these observations I answer, "Hogwash."

When the composer writes his greatest symphonies he doesn't travel off to listen to the music of the rocks and rills; he goes to his studio!

When the scientist searches for a great new contribution to the welfare of humanity, he doesn't dash madly down the freeway and he doesn't try to find it on the license plate of the car in front of him; he looks for it in his laboratory.

And when one wants to find God, one looks in his church.

If we don't worship God, we begin to worship our possessions, our neighbors or even ourselves.

Let's not kid ourselves; there is no substitute for the Church when our souls need to be fed the "Bread of Life."

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I Think That Somewhere

When all the suns of all the worlds have set,
And there is naught except the freezing dark
And fading echoes of the muffled cries
The angels heard from the last dying lark;
And there is nothing to remember or forget,
And there are neither lands, nor seas, nor skies—

I think that Somewhere far beyond our ken
Love will be reaching from her scaffold throne
To snatch her children from the night again
And start anew with them who are her own.

—by Frank Johnson Pippin

NEWS

The Church at Large



1,800 Young People Attend Conference in Switzerland

Unity Emphasis at Ecumenical Youth Assembly

LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND—The theme for the first European Ecumenical Youth Assembly convened here under the auspices of the Youth Department of the World Council of Churches was "Jesus Christ—Light of the World," but the recurring emphasis was on the imperative of Christian unity.

A plea for unity was sounded before an audience of 1,800 youth by Dr. Nikos Nissiotis, assistant director of the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Institute at Bossey, near Geneva.

The Greek Orthodox theologian expressed concern that by losing the sense of Unity of the Church, Christians had become no better than "anxious spectators of history" and Christianity has been reduced to an ism—on the same level as other isms."

Attending the 12-day meeting which began in mid-July were young people from a dozen European countries and Asia, Australia, Africa, the Middle East and North and South America.

Dr. Nissiotis said divided churches have lost the sense that "the Church stands over and transcends all fleeting appearances of the world, all ideologies and all political systems."

"We Christians," he said, ". . . have hidden under our institutions . . . the mystical character of the relationship between the grace of God, human beings and the saved world."

"In the hands of men, Christian communities have given in to the thirst for power instead of remaining in submission to the Holy Spirit by which God united them."

Carrying Disunity

In carrying their disunity to the mission field, he added, the churches "have planted the scandal of division at the very heart of the Church in the face of the world looking on."

M. M. Thomas, a layman of the Assyrian Church of Malabar, India, who shared the platform with Dr. Nissiotis, urged European youth not to indulge in nostalgia for the Continent's past glories and powers, but to find a new vocation in service to the world.

"Europe has a historic function to fulfill in world affairs," he declared, "a vocation which will be

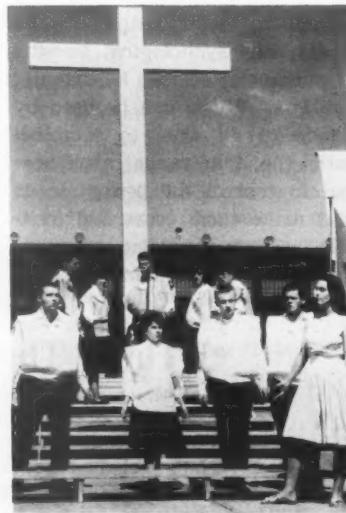
humbler in terms of power, but nevertheless a vocation which may not be less significant in terms of service to humanity."

Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, was the keynote speaker at the opening session of the Conference on July 13.

Roman Church Praise

Following the Assembly, a statement praising its work was read here on behalf of a group of Roman Catholic observers.

"We are deeply convinced," the statement said, "that all the humble and sincere efforts made here for the reconciliation of Christians are the work of the Holy Spirit." The statement said that the numerous contacts the Roman Catholic observers made "with brothers imbued with the love of Christ have overjoyed us" and "we hope that such contacts can be renewed."



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SWISS YOUTH pose in scenic portrayal to illustrate "Jesus Christ—the Light of the World," theme of the First European Youth Assembly at Lausanne, Switzerland. The assembly was sponsored by the World Council's Youth Department.

● Disciples Cooperating

\$100,000 Grant

For Congo Seminary

EDINBURGH—A \$100,000 grant has been approved by the International Missionary Council Theological Education Fund for an interdenominational Protestant theological faculty at Elisabethville, located in the Katanga province of the new Republic of the Congo.

The grant was described by an IMC spokesman at a Council meeting here as "an affirmation of faith in the future of the Congo and of the Church in the Congo."

The IMC Theological Education Fund was set up in 1958 by the Sealantic Fund and eight Protestant mission boards.

Disciples are among the six Protestant bodies sponsoring the projected union faculty. Mr. and Mrs. James Richard Dodson have been requested to serve on the seminary staff. The Dodsons were recently evacuated to Northern Rhodesia.

Major emphasis of the seminary, which is expected to accommodate 75 to 100 students, will be on training for the parish ministry.

When completed, the school is expected to cost \$300,000.

Ghana's Dagadu Dies

GENEVA—Peter Kwei Dagadu of Ghana, 52, a leading African Christian and member of the executive and central committees of the World Council of Churches, died July 8, at Accra.

A former secretary of the Ghana Christian Council, Mr. Dagadu was serving as superintendent of Accra Methodist Circuit at the time of his death.

Before becoming the chief executive of the Ghana (then the Gold Coast) Christian Council in 1952, the African Christian leader had been youth organizer for the Methodist Church. He left the Ghana Christian Council post in 1959.

"Peter Dagadu came into prominence in the World Council of Churches when he made his impressive speech at the Evanston Assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1954," the Council's general secretary, Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, said in a statement issued in Geneva.

185th Anniversary Of Army Chaplaincy

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Army Chaplaincy paused July 29 to reflect anew upon its long history of service to the American soldier when it completed the 185th anniversary of its beginning.

In commemoration of this occasion, a retreat parade was scheduled at Fort Myer, Va., July 24. Major General Frank A. Tobey, an American Baptist, is Chief of Chaplains.

The recognition of the Army Chaplaincy predates the American Revolution, as it was on July 29, 1775, that the Continental Congress adopted a resolution setting the monthly pay of Chaplains as that of a Captain of the Line.

Chaplains served with distinction during the Revolution and all succeeding American armed conflicts, but it was not until 1920 that the Congress approved the appointment of a Chief of Chaplains to administer the affairs of the Army Chaplaincy.

Nine have held this position since the appointment of Chaplain (Colonel) John T. Axton in 1920.

Chaplain Tobey supervises the activities of approximately 1100 Army Chaplains of all three faiths who serve throughout the world where members of the Army are stationed.

The strength of the Army Chaplaincy reached its peak in World War II when the number on active duty expanded rapidly from the 1,478 chaplains who were serving when the attack on Pearl Harbor occurred to a total of 8,171 at one point during the war.

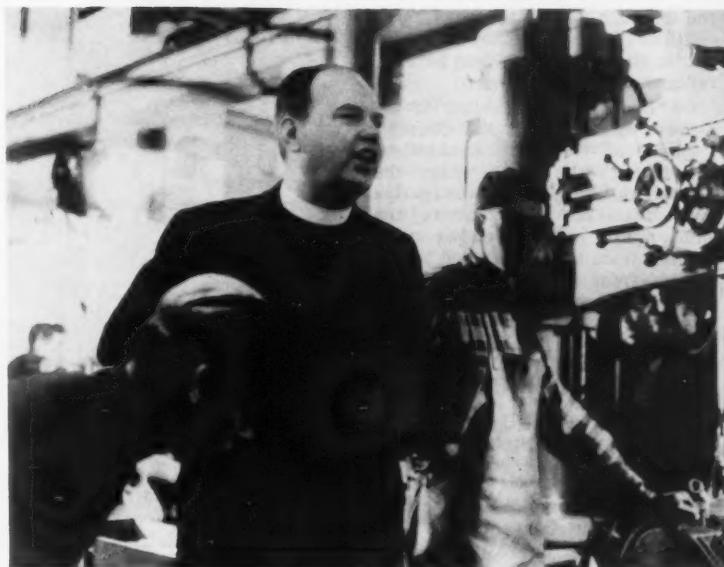
● Church Attendance Campaign in November '60 RIAL Campaign

NEW YORK—Regular attendance at worship services by all Americans will be urged throughout the country in November during the 12th annual Religion In American Life campaign.

A volunteer effort of American business, advertising and Churches and Synagogues, the campaign will emphasize the importance of religion in national, community, family and personal life.

Several hundred cities and towns, and thousands of churches and synagogues, will hold local Religion In American Life programs, using RIAL advertising and promotional materials to put across the message of "Worship Together This Week."

New Lutheran Film in Production



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ON LOCATION at Moelln, Germany, for Lutheran Film Associates' new full-length production, Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffmann of New York, LFA secretary, leads devotions for international cast of actors, production crew and workers in a steel mill 10 miles from the Soviet Zone border. Tentatively entitled "In My Father's House," the film depicts Christianity's struggle against communism in East Germany. It will be "not a negative, but a positive protest for Christ," said Dr. Hoffmann, who also is public relations director for the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. LFA, a cooperative agency of six American Lutheran groups, previously sponsored the "Martin Luther" Film.

RIAL is also supported by the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis International, Lions International, Public Relations Society of America, National Congress of Parents and Teachers, General Federation of Women's Clubs, Boys' Clubs of America, and many other national organizations and their state and local units.

Religion In American Life advertising is distributed through The Advertising Council and is prepared by the J. Walter Thompson Company

volunteer advertising agency.

RIAL provides a wide variety of promotional material, including prayer cards, napkins and table mats for restaurants, posters for store windows, door hangers for door-to-door distribution, editorial mats and stencil inserts.

A program kit containing samples of these materials and guides for conducting a local RIAL community or congregational program is available for 25 cents from RIAL, 184 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.



RELIGION IN AMERICAN LIFE will feature this poster during the month of November when the 12th annual RIAL campaign is conducted.

"TWILIGHT RELIGION"

LYNWOOD, CALIF.—Calling for a fresh "redefinition" of Christian belief, a religio-medical educator of the Seventh-day Adventist Church cautioned here that "some persons live in the twilight of their parents' religion."

Dr. Bietz, who is director of the division of religion of the Church's College of Medical Evangelists, added that "the home where the mother studies the fashion magazine more than the Bible, where the child hears more swearing than praying from the father, and where the children spend twice as much time in the movies as in religious services is creating a chaotic, almost godless condition in our land."

MIGRANT MINISTRY

BOSTON—A specially-equipped beach wagon, known as the "New England Harvester," will distribute Bibles and other types of Christian literature to some 1,500 migrant workers in the Connecticut Valley area this summer.

The new ministry, established by the Massachusetts Council of Churches, is being concentrated in the region between Springfield, Mass., and Hartford, Conn. Travelling in the beach wagon, as chaplain of the area, will be Manuel Rodriguez, a Bible student and native of Puerto Rico.

NEWS IN BRIEF

FEMALE ORDINATION

GUELPH, ONT.—The Presbyterian Church in Canada, urged to take action on the question of ordination of women, voted overwhelmingly at its 86th General Assembly here to refer the issue back to its 48 presbyteries.

RACIAL DECLARATION

BUCK HILL FALLS, PA.—The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America called on its classes (local governing bodies) to open their churches' "worship and fellowship" to all "irrespective of race."

In a resolution adopted at its annual meeting the Synod asked that the classes take steps "to make it clear" that the Reformed churches are available to all and to "make this fact known to the public."

CATHEDRAL ANNIVERSARY

LONDON—The 250th anniversary of the opening of St. Paul's Cathedral was celebrated here with a thanksgiving service.

Completed by Sir Christopher

Wren in 1710, the Anglican cathedral—often called the "trade mark of London"—was badly damaged by Nazi bombs during World War II. Its restoration has been in progress for the past 15 years.

MEALS FOR MILLIONS

Dr. Donald F. Ebright, former director of refugee and famine relief activities for the National Christian Council of India, has been named Director of Extension Services for the Meals for Millions Foundation, it was announced today by Clifford E. Clinton, Foundation president.

Ebright's contacts with Los Angeles' Meals for Millions Foundation began in 1946 when first shipments of the Caltech-developed Multi-Purpose Food reached famine areas in India.

BID FOR RECOGNITION

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A resolution to request all Federal agencies to recognize the Eastern Orthodox Church as one of the major faiths in America has been introduced in the Senate by Sen. Clifford Case (R-N. J.).

If adopted, the resolution would have the Senate declare that "the Eastern Orthodox Church is a major faith in this country, and that all references by federal agencies to major faiths now limited to Protestants, Catholics, and Jews include the Eastern Orthodox Church."

PULPIT COWARDICE

HAMILTON, ONT.—Clergymen who withdrew into their pulpits and shrink from speaking out on municipal corruption, racial segregation and public morals were roundly criticized at the 72nd annual meeting of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec here.

Suburban Christians also were taken to task for their "marginal Christianity."

The broadsides were leveled by the Rev. Edgar J. Bailey of Westmount, Que., and Dr. P. P. W. Ziemann of Toronto, general secretary-treasurer of the Convention.

AT HEADQUARTERS

NEW YORK—Central offices of the Protestant Council of the City of New York have been moved to the Interchurch Center on Riverside Drive from their former 23rd Street location downtown.

THE CHRISTIAN

Billy Graham at World Council Conference



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EVANGELIST BILLY GRAHAM studies a program with two of some 50 other evangelism executives, ministers, missionaries and church leaders at a Consultation on Evangelism at Geneva sponsored by the World Council of Churches. They are Inayat Mashih, executive secretary of the West Pakistan Christian Council (left), and Makary El-Souriany of the Institute of Coptic Studies, Cairo.

SINGING PRAISE—CONSTITUTION APPROVED



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DELEGATES to the United Church of Christ's General Synod at Cleveland sing the Doxology after voting to adopt the three-year-old denomination's first constitution. Before the document becomes effective, it must be ratified by two-thirds of the Congregational-Christian churches and two-thirds of the Evangelical and Reformed regional synods. The United Church was formed in 1957 by a merger of the Congregational-Christian General Council and the E & R Church.

COURSE ON COMMUNISM

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—A special denomination-wide study course on "the principles and methods of Communism and other totalitarian systems" was approved here by delegates to the 53rd annual meeting of the American Baptist Convention for its more than 6,000 affiliated local churches.

Main purpose of the study is to analyze dictatorships and "provide a Christian answer to the Communist threat and that posed by other totalitarian ideologies," a spokesman said.

POPE'S COUNCIL

VATICAN CITY—Pope John XXIII announced the formation of ten preparatory commissions and two secretariats for the forthcoming Ecumenical Council. In addition, he established a central committee of the council presided over by himself to supervise and coordinate the work of the preparatory commissions.

Emphasizing the hope that the council would contribute to the eventual restoration of Christian unity, the Pope said one of the secretariats had been assigned the task of helping Protestants and Eastern Orthodox Christians to follow the work of the Council and to "find the path to unity."

KOREAN LEADER

SEOUL, KOREA—The National Christian Council of Korea has installed as its new general secretary Simeon (Shin Myung) Kang, 51, former pastor of Seoul's oldest Protestant congregation, Seimoongan Presbyterian church.

COMFORTABLE MINISTERS

WASHINGTON, D. C.—American ministers have fallen into too comfortable a pattern of life, Evangelist Billy Graham warned here. He appealed to them to put aside denominational differences and work together for a spiritual revival.

BLOW TO CATHOLICISM

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC—Deterioration of Church-State relations in the predominantly Roman Catholic Dominican Republic reached a new low with a recommendation by the Minister of Justice that Archbishop Lino Zanini, Papal Nuncio, be expelled from the country.

Minister Mario Abreu Penzo, in a public letter to President Hector B. Trujillo Molina, charged that the prelate was "responsible" for two recent pastoral issued by the Roman Catholic hierarchy condemn-

ing "excesses" in the regime of Generalissimo Rafael Trujillo Molina, who has ruled the Dominican Republic as dictator for 34 years.

MORAL RESPONSIBILITY

NEW HAVEN, CONN.—President A. Whitney Griswold of Yale University warned here that the greatest single menace to American society was a deadening of responsibility on moral issues.

"This attitude," he added, "could defeat us before the Russians had fired a single missile."

CHURCHES—SCOUTS

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.—Religious bodies sponsor 50.1 per cent of the 129,097 Boy Scout units that serve more than 3,500,000 youths throughout the nation, it was reported here.

Dr. A. E. Iverson, director of Protestant relationships for the Boy Scouts of America, said that the five top-ranking religious groups sponsoring Scouting are the Methodists, with 13,221 local units; Roman Catholics, 12,686; Baptists, 7,291; Presbyterians, 7,190; and Lutherans, 5,639.

BOOM STILL GOING

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Church construction in the United States during the first six months of 1960 reached \$463,000,000, an increase of 8 per cent over the same period last year, the Census Bureau reported here.

Construction of new religious edifices during June totaled \$82,000,000, compared with \$77,000,000 in May. This was an increase of \$3,000,000 over last June.

DIBELIUS RESIGNS

BERLIN—Bishop Otto Dibelius of Berlin, chairman of the Council of the Evangelical Church in Germany, has resigned as chairman of the EKID's East German Bishops' Conference.

SANDBURG PRODUCER

FLAT ROCK, N. C.—Carl Sandburg, poet, biographer, historian, editor, lecturer, and folk singer, will now try his hand at movie producing.

He will team up with producer George Stevens to film Fulton Oursler's life of Christ, *The Greatest Story Ever Told*. The 82-year-old poet and Lincoln biographer, will leave his Connemara Farm home here, where he writes and raises goats, for Hollywood later this month.

Twentieth Century-Fox, the production company, estimated that the film would cost more than \$15 million.



Art by FitzSimmons

by
Molly Gates Daugherty

THE CONSTANT GIFT

JOAN was washing the dishes when she heard her son scream, "Mom! Come quick! Spottie's been hit by a car!"

Oh, no! Joan thought, wiping her hands on her apron and running outside. Bill's dog Spot was the last thing Sam had given his son before his plane crashed.

A woman was backing up her black sedan. "I'm so sorry," she said. "The dog darted out so fast I didn't even see him. Can I take him to the animal hospital for you?"

"No," said Bill, standing up—tall for his ten years. "We'll take him there ourselves."

Lifting his dog tenderly, he got into their car and Joan drove toward the animal hospital.

Bill had his face close to his dog's. "Please don't die," he said over and over again.

Ten minutes before the accident, Joan had called to Bill, "Come take Spottie for a walk, or I'll have to let him out alone!"

Bill hadn't come right away, so she'd let Spottie out—and now this awful thing had happened.

The vet at the animal hospital examined the dog gently. "Your dog's in no pain," he told Bill kindly. "But he's in a state of shock. He doesn't even know what's happened to him. We'll give him a sedative, and when he comes out of it, take x-rays to determine the extent of his injury."

"If the woman who ran over him had slowed down even a little bit, Spottie would have got by," Bill said. "She didn't even see him."

"It's a shame!" the vet said.

"There's a concussion and probably some internal bleeding. Call us at five. If we have any news for you before then, we'll call you."

Bill searched the vet's face. "Do you think he has a chance?"

"We'll do the best we can, son!" the vet said, putting his arm around Bill's shoulders and going with him to the door.

In the car, Bill turned to Joan. "The vet called me 'son.' Dad used to call me that."

Pain spun through her.

"Bill," she said, "I'm so sorry I let Spottie out."

"It's not your fault, Mom," he said, looking straight ahead. "I didn't come when you called."

When they got home Bill pushed past her to get to his room. But she heard his crying.

Later when he came downstairs, she tried to think what to say. "Try to believe he'll be all right," she said.

"It seems so quiet without Spottie around," he answered.

"I know," she said. "I know."

At five she called the animal hospital with Bill beside her.

"Spottie is holding his own," the vet said.

Sunday morning Bill was up early and dressed for church. "I'm going to church with you every Sunday from now on," he said. "You won't have to make me go any more."

Motionless he sat beside her, soaking up the sermon.

Going home he said, "I keep wishing I hadn't called Spottie at just that moment. Then he wouldn't have been run over."

"No!" she exclaimed. "You mustn't let yourself think that way. Things just happen."

They were eating dinner when the phone rang. Bill sat motionless while Joan picked up the receiver. It was the vet.

"I have bad news for you," he said. "Spottie just slipped away. No convulsions. He just stopped breathing."

Bill writhed in an agony of grief.

After his shock and sorrow had worn a while, he asked, "Do you think Spottie got run over

so the woman will be careful not to run over a child someday?"

Joan saw that it would help him to think that. Spottie's death would have meaning then—but there had always been truth between them.

"No," she said. "That wasn't the reason the accident happened, but maybe it will do some good because the woman is bound to be more careful now."

Bill sat there hurting, trying to understand a thing that Joan herself couldn't understand.

"Spottie was such a good dog," Bill said. "I don't know why it had to happen to him."

"We'll get another dog," she said, trying to comfort him. But he looked at her as though she were a stranger.

"You don't understand, Mother," he told her, "but Dad would have."

The words went deep.

After Bill fell asleep, she went to his room to see that he was covered. Spottie's ball with the bell fell to the floor as she pulled up the covers.

The next morning Joan heard Bill's cheerful little whistle stop abruptly. After he had finished his bacon and eggs, he reached to put his plate on the floor and then pulled it back.

"We're going to look for another dog today," she said.

"I don't want another dog. I'd always be comparing," he protested.

But she got him in the car, anyway, and headed for the country.

"I'll never find another dog as good as Spottie," Bill told her. "And if I did, something might happen to it. I don't want a dog."

"You can't keep yourself from loving because you might lose the thing you love. That's life! You have to accept it."

"I don't want to. I'm afraid."

At the kennel, Bill played with some of the puppies the man brought out, but soon he nudged her to go.

Just then there was a piercing howl, distinct from the friendly barking of the penned-up dogs.

Joan turned and saw a black and white Springer spaniel straining desperately to break loose from the stake she was chained to.

Bill saw, too, and went up to the dog.

"What's wrong with that dog?" Joan asked. "She's away from the others."

"Ain't nothing at all wrong with her except she steals chickens. I may have to shoot her!"

"Why?" asked Bill, his face incredulous.

"Can't stop her, boy. I've beat her, I've chained her up, I've done everything I can think of. But every time she gets loose, she comes back home with chicken feathers in her mouth. Neighbors are complaining."

The dog was wagging her tail and jumping all over Bill now, licking his face, his hands.

"She acts like she knows me," said Bill.

"I could let the boy have that dog real cheap," the man said to Joan.

"How cheap?" asked Bill, standing up.

"Oh, I reckon maybe a couple of bucks."

Bill reached for his wallet, and the dog flattened herself at his feet. "I want to pay for her," he told Joan, giving the man his paper route money.

"She's sure taken a liking to you," said the man. "She's a good dog all right. You folks have a good buy, if you ain't got no chickens."

As Joan drove home, Bill petted his new dog, and she licked his fingers and then snuggled down on the seat, her head on Bill's knee, her eyes on him.

"She acts like she knew I came along just in time," Bill said.

"She knows you're her friend," replied Joan.

"Do you know something?" asked Bill, "You can't help loving things, can you?"

"No," said Joan. "That's why I wanted you to have another dog right away."

"It's funny," Bill said, "but I think I'm going to love this dog, too!"

The Danger of Military Alliances



"Where the Scriptures Speak . . ." by the Editor

Scripture: Isaiah 30:1-3, 15-18.

THE problems of Israel and Judah in the days of Isaiah were not unlike the problems of many small nations today. The pages of history in the Bible record a constant parade of the soldiers of nations to the south and nations to the east. These two small groups, after the division into the Northern and Southern kingdoms, were not strong enough to do anything about it.

The only answer they had was to form alliances, first with one and then with the other. At the time of the experiences recorded in our text today, it was Assyria that they feared. So the effort is being made to form an alliance with Egypt in order to protect themselves. You almost have to read the whole of Isaiah to understand the complicated military maneuvers of the various nations. Or, if you have a good commentary you may wish to outline some of the action.

It is sufficient for our purposes to say that the setting of this lesson is in the vicinity of 700 B.C. The Israelites have been paying tribute to Assyria and now they have decided to stop this and to rely upon Egypt for help if Assyria threatens them further.

Isaiah is quite certain that such alliances are not in harmony with the will of God. The Pharaohs were glad to have such an alliance because it gave them territory over which to travel in case they needed to fight enemies to the east.

Isaiah felt certain that Israel had only one course to follow if she wished to be spared. That was to isolate herself from both

sides, as far as military alliances were concerned. Why did he feel this way? Surely, Assyria and Egypt might be just as likely to march across Israel in their struggles against each other, whether Israel fought or not. Isaiah's answer is that Israel had made a covenant with God and they ought to keep it and trust God.

When we look back over the text in some detail, we see the various references to this point of view. The people are called "rebellious children" because they make plans of their own and because they make a league with other people, not in the spirit of God (Isaiah 30:1).

This is called adding "sin to sin." I suppose the first sin is in failing to trust God and the second sin is going ahead and

acting contrary to his will. Isaiah was a prophet of God and God had not spoken through him about going to Egypt to form an alliance. As a result, the people were told that they could expect only "shame" and "humiliation" as a result of their actions (verse 3).

As a matter of history, Egypt was weaker than Assyria in those days. Therefore, any protection which Israel might hope to get from Egypt was false hope because they could be defeated. It was to be a little over a century yet before these people were carried into captivity, but the future was in sight.

When we come to the last three verses of the text we find Isaiah's positive statement about the necessity of trust in God. We have here a very familiar ex-

INTERNATIONAL UNIFORM SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR AUGUST 28, 1960

The Scripture

Isaiah 30:1-3

- 1 "Woe to the rebellious children," says the LORD,
"who carry out a plan, but not mine;
and who make a league, but not of my spirit,
that they may add sin to sin;
- 2 who set out to go down to Egypt,
without asking for my counsel,
to take refuge in the protection
of Pharaoh,
and to seek shelter in the shadow of Egypt!
- 3 Therefore shall the protection of Pharaoh turn to your shame,
and the shelter in the shadow of Egypt to your humiliation."

15-18

- 15 For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel,
"In returning and rest you

shall be saved;
in quietness and in trust shall be your strength."
And you would not, 16 but you said,

"No! We will speed upon horses,"
therefore you shall speed away;
and, "We will ride upon swift steeds,"
therefore your pursuers shall be swift.

17 A thousand shall flee at the threat of one,
at the threat of five you shall flee,
till you are left like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain,
like a signal on a hill.

18 Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you;
therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you.
For the LORD is a God of justice;
blessed are all those who wait for him.

pression which is often taken out of this text and used alone; "in returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength." Standing here as it does, I presume this text has reference to the immediate situation. We sometimes use it as a text showing that trust in God will bring us salvation. It is a possible inference, but the word "saved" here certainly means to be saved from the enemy.

The attitude of the people is expressed in a familiar couplet, where the same idea is expressed in two different phrases much alike: "We will speed upon horses . . . we will ride upon swift steeds" (verse 16). This will not help, says God. When it is all over they will be standing as lonely as "a flagstaff on the top of a mountain."

Now we have the beautiful description of the nature of God

which is so familiar in the writing of the prophets. In spite of all these things which the people are doing, the Lord loves them. He "waits to be gracious" to them. He wants to show mercy to them. All this is because "the LORD is a God of "justice." As it is said in so many places, God does not deal with us according to what we deserve but rather, according to his nature.

This is a very practical lesson for 1960. It is probably difficult for us to understand clearly because we are apt to see scripture in the light of our own experiences. What we have to do is see our own experiences in the light of scripture. Some people take this text and George Washington's warning about entangling alliances and make out of the two statements a case for complete inactivity.

Actually, if we read the whole of Isaiah we do not find him ad-

vocating the policy of sitting down to wait for another nation to run over his own. What he proposed, as specific action for the situation which is discussed in this text, he does not say. What we do have is the complete and absolute conviction on the part of Isaiah that people must first trust God. Then they must listen for his voice.

Isaiah was certain that people had not been listening to God. They had made up their minds to go to Egypt without asking for God's word on the matter.

It ought not to be difficult for Christians, however, to understand what the basis of action must be. We start out with facts. These facts are that God is just, that he is merciful and that he "waits to be gracious to you." I believe that his will may be known and understood if we seek it first.



Meaning for Today

by B. L. Barnes

WHERE is the emphasis in winning peace in our time? Is there earnest concern for the United Nations and its excellent functioning as an arbitrator and challenger of nations to live together harmoniously? Just what is the great "messiah" for national alliances in our time?

Without pretending to be adept in diagnosing the ills of men, all of us could readily respond. The "messiah" of our day is scientific technology. It is in this area that we are interested in building the right alliances, as well as keeping the right secrets. This is the tool with which we shall build peace in our time, hold the world in check, even influence the affairs of the United Nations.

Thus we have given ourselves with feverish intensity to build-

ing better satellites, rattling greater rockets, amassing the right technological alliances.

Naturally we turn to the best youth of our nation and challenge them to give themselves to this scientific pursuit.

The emphasis is a little different; the attitude is the same as it was in Isaiah's day. Isaiah did not herald pacifism, he only insisted the first emphasis was misplaced. It is never the alliances of men, but God who is the Determiner of history. Peace will not be built solely upon physical science and economic pressures, though these are significant factors.

The importance of these elements, rather, is dependent upon their being subservient to the recognition that men advance to-

ward enduring goals as they integrate themselves into the scheme of God.

Though we have a responsibility in working out our salvation, our hope is in God and clever diplomacy will be only as enduring and lasting in its ultimate effect as we have been faithful in attempting to build that which has been consistent with His concern for men.

So we are brought to the same place Isaiah would have had his people come, to the recognition that all of our intellectual power and material resources are as nothing unless it is harnessed up with the will of God. Then there is an alliance established, which is the only important alliance ultimately that will give strength and peace to our people.

Therefore, we have before us another challenge for youth! There is a need for alert, dedicated young people to give their lives away in serving mankind in the realm of the spiritual, preparing them to understand their need to place God first, that his presence may influence them in every relationship.

NEWS

of the Brotherhood

Wake to Direct
Combined Choirs

Convention Music

INDIANAPOLIS—The climax to the music program at the 1960 Louisville Assembly of Christian Churches will come Oct. 26 at a special dedication service for the Decade of Decision when the combined voices of five college and seminary choirs accompanied by a brass choir will present anthems and choral background.

Director of the choir will be Arthur N. Wake of The College of the Bible, Lexington, Ky.

The choirs are those of Bethany College, Christian Theological Seminary, The College of the Bible, Culver-Stockton College, and Transylvania College. Directors of the groups are Dale Jorgenson, Dr. James Carley, Leslie Pierce, Arthur N. Wake and Harvey Davis, respectively.

The six-day annual convention has a complete program of music scheduled beginning on Friday evening (Oct. 21) and closing with the Wednesday evening session.

Hymn sings are scheduled each day and a 300-voice mass chorus composed of choirs from Louisville area churches will sing each evening.

The music program was worked out by the local music committee, headed by Miss Florence Montz, organist and music director at First Christian Church, Louisville. The organist will be Paul Knox, minister of music at Central Christian Church, Lexington.

The 15-minute hymn sings in which the entire convention will participate Friday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights will be broadcast throughout the Eastern United States.

Choral speakers and singers will present the "Testimony of Faith" of the United Church of Christ as part of the Tuesday evening program.



Arthur N. Wake

BULLETINS

Lair Vacationing

DES MOINES, IOWA—On the advice of his physician, Loren E. Lair, president of the International Convention and executive secretary of the Iowa Society of Christian Churches, cancelled all August appointments and speaking engagements.

Dr. and Mrs. Lair are now vacationing in Minnesota. He was released from Iowa Methodist Hospital here following a physical examination. He had been suffering from fatigue.

Africa Emergency Fund

INDIANAPOLIS—An Africa Emergency Fund enabling Christian Churches in America to assist financially in meeting the present needs for the Congo mission has been authorized by the Disciples' Commission on Budgets and Promotional Relationships and the Commission on Brotherhood Finance.

Announcement was made by Gaines M. Cook, executive secretary of the International Convention. Emergency contributions may be sent to Francis W. Payne, treasurer, Africa Emergency Fund, United Christian Missionary Society, 222 South Downey Avenue, Indianapolis 7, Ind.

Myron T. Hopper Dies

LEXINGTON, KY. (Aug. 8) Myron T. Hopper, 56, dean of The College of the Bible, died here Aug. 7.

Dr. Hopper had been on the faculty of the seminary for 22 years and had been dean since 1953.

Services were held Aug. 10.

4 Citations Awarded At World Convention

EDINBURGH (Aug. 4)—For the first time the World Convention of Churches of Christ (Disciples) awarded four citations for outstanding service at an evening session of the convention here today.

The four who received the citations were: R. S. Garfield Todd of Southern Rhodesia; Miss Cynthia Pearl Maus of Los Angeles; William Robinson of Birmingham, England; and Bishop Lesslie Newbigin of London.

John H. Booth Was A Church Builder

INDIANAPOLIS—Dr. John H. Booth, 79, retired executive secretary of the Board of Church Extension of Disciples of Christ, died at his home here July 16.

He had served the BCE for over 37 years.

Dr. Booth grew up on a farm near Wichita, Kan. In 1903 he enrolled in Drake University, completing his B.D. degree in 1908. In 1929 Drake University honored Dr. Booth with a doctor of divinity degree.



John H. Booth

During his last two years in Drake, he preached full time at Dallas Center, Iowa, and after graduation served the church at Centerville, Iowa, for three years.

On May 1, 1911, Dr. Booth was called to the Board of Church Extension as associate corresponding secretary. In January, 1926, he became executive secretary, a position he held until his retirement in 1948.

While in many ways his life was Church Extension, yet he had a deep interest in the total brotherhood. He worked in the Men and Millions movement and A Crusade for a Christian World.

Dr. Booth was responsible for the establishment of the Bureau of Architecture, the Church Extension's passbook savings program, financing of parsonages for ministers, and also what is now known as the "Interest-Free Loan Fund."

Dr. Booth dedicated hundreds of church buildings, raised millions of dollars, and provided expert guidance in church building matters to congregations all over America.

Services for Dr. Booth were held in the Downey Avenue Christian Church July 19. Robert L. Welsh, associate minister of Downey Avenue, and William T. Pearcy, president of the Board of Church Extension, officiated.

Dr. Booth is survived by the widow, two sons and four daughters, twenty grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



THIS MAP OF THE CONGO shows the locations of Disciples' mission stations and Leopoldville. The Disciples' transmitter at Boende was confiscated by Congolese troops during the first days of struggle following the birth of the new African nation.

The Flight from the Congo

INDIANAPOLIS—The flight from the new Republic of The Congo was a dramatic, tension-filled experience not only for those who were fleeing the strife-torn area but also for executives of the Disciples' Mission and Christian Education Board, the United Christian Missionary Society.

Miss Jane Heaton was the first person evacuated from the Congo who was returned to the United States. She had been at Coquihaville.

When Miss Heaton and Georgia Bateman returned to Indianapolis they reported that evacuation from the Congo was like "something you read about, not something you live through."

The airport at Leopoldville, where they spent six hours, was under control of the Belgian troops, they said.

"The whole airport was set up for evacuation purposes. There were beds between the planes and all the embassies had people helping the refugees with their papers," Miss Heaton said.

Miss Heaton, who is from Centralia, Illinois, was on a short-term assignment to Coquihaville. She had arrived there last December. Her regular job is with the offices of the United Society in Indianapolis.

Miss Bateman, a missionary nurse, has been in the Congo since 1927. She estimates that she has delivered

main at the Congo mission stations of the Christian Churches, although there is hope that many others will soon be returning.

In July, Disciples had 63 adults and 85 children in the Congo. But after the riots began and mutinous Congolese soldiers had beaten many missionaries and raped many women—and even children—the evacuation was begun with dispatch. The United States State Department ordered missionaries and all Americans to leave the infant Republic while the United Nations began to send troops to bring order out of chaos.

None of the Disciples' missionaries were injured, it was reported by Dr. Virgil Sly, executive chairman of the United Society's Division of World Missions. Dr. Sly has announced that the Disciples have no other intention than to return to the Congo when permission is granted and it is safe to do so.

Most of the missionaries were evacuated to Brussels, later to go on to the United States or to prepare for returning to the Congo later.

Meanwhile world opinion fluctuated as in the United Nations and many other groups there were discussions concerning what was to be done about The Congo crisis. When the United Nations officials arrived in The Congo from five continents they faced the task of assisting the new nation—a nation nearly as big as Europe itself—to learn how to govern itself.

And it seemed that the first big step was the withdrawal of Belgian troops. Later it was estimated that more than 10,000 United Nations troops would be in the country.

As this is written the Disciples await the opportunity to return to The Congo and resume their ministry on behalf of Christ's Church.



MISS JANE HEATON, who is serving temporarily in The Congo and was evacuated from Coquihaville (she points to it on wall map), came back to Indianapolis to give a personal report on activities in the republic of The Congo. She brought with her a tape recording prepared by Dr. Robert G. Nelson in order to provide information on the Congo situation for missions executives in Indianapolis.

CAMPUS COVERAGE

For News Excellence

Award to Bethany

BETHANY, W. VA.—The American College Public Relations Association, an organization representing more than 900 colleges and universities, has presented an award to Bethany College for its outstanding education news program for 1960.

The citation was presented to James W. Carty Jr., Bethany public relations director and professor of journalism, at a joint general conference of the American Alumni Council and the American College Public Relations Association July 11 at Washington, D. C.

The ACPRRA honors citation paid tribute to Bethany College's publicity releases concerning its program of "Education for Responsible Citizenship," and acclaimed the "originality, technique, impact and general effectiveness" of this news material.

Fine Arts Dean

ENID, OKLA.—Dr. B. Kenneth Lewis, Phillips University professor of chemistry, has been named as acting dean of the university's College of the Arts, succeeding Dr. J. Clifford Shirley, who retired from that position Aug. 1.

Dr. Shirley, who has been dean since 1937 and a teacher at Phillips since 1920, will continue to teach with the science faculty next year, though retiring from his administrative capacities.

Dr. Lewis holds the B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Wichita (Kan.) and the Ph.D. degree from the University of Oklahoma. In addition to his work as a science educator, Dr. Lewis has served as chemist for Continental Oil Company and as a consulting chemist for the Southwest Chemical Supply.

Pre-College Clinics

CANTON, Mo.—Culver-Stockton College has scheduled six one-day "Pre-College Clinics" this summer with all entering freshmen and transfer students being required to attend one of the sessions.

Dr. Richard Mease, director of orientation, stated that the clinics are a "big step" in the student becoming adjusted to college. He meets college personnel, studies the curriculum and receives information concerning registration for his first

day here at Culver-Stockton College.

Many parents have been accompanying students to the campus for these clinics. During the time that students are busy in the pre-college sessions, parents also receive a period of orientation. This informal discussion for the fathers and mothers is under the direction of a member of the Parents Association.

CAMPUS CAPSULES

● HIRAM, OHIO—Hiram College qualified to receive \$25,000 from the Kresge Foundation by successfully completing a \$57,784 fund campaign at the close of the recent fiscal year. The foundation made the "challenge" grant last year provided the college raised \$57,000 during the 1959-60 fiscal year.

● MIDWAY, KY.—A bronze plaque in honor of the late Edgar C. Riley was unveiled in Marrs Library here at Midway Junior College. Mr. Riley was the first president of the college. Members of the family who attended the service were Mr. and Mrs. Jo M. Riley and family, Decatur, Ill., and Francis T. Riley, Jr., who represented the family of Terrill Riley, Tampa, Fla.

● ATHENS, GA.—Jacob J. M. Strite has accepted a position on the staff of The Christian College of Georgia. He began his duties here at the college on July 1 as director of recruitment and ministerial activities. He recently received the master of theology degree from The College of the Bible, Lexington, Ky.

● FORT WORTH, TEX.—All students applying for admission to Texas Christian University as freshmen in the fall of 1962 will be required to take the Scholastic Aptitude Test of the College Entrance Examination Board. For those applying for academic scholarships, the Board test will be mandatory for the fall of 1961 and all other entering students will be urged to take it on a voluntary basis.

● BETHANY, W. VA.—The National Science Foundation has made a grant of \$5,900 to Bethany College for support of an undergraduate research training program for 12 months beginning in September. The objective of this program is to

determine the extent to which providing superior undergraduate students with a research experience under the direction of college faculty members can make an important contribution to science education.

● FORT WORTH, TEX.—Dr. W. B. Smith, professor of chemistry at Ohio University at Athens, will spend the coming school year here at Texas Christian University where he will do research in organic chemistry. The research study, made possible by the Welch Foundation of Houston, will be in the area of divalent carbon intermediates, a new type of carbon chemistry.

● LEXINGTON, KY.—Transylvania College here has received a \$2,000 gift from the E. O. Robinson Mountain Fund to help provide scholarships for needy students from the Appalachian region of eastern Kentucky. Approximately 15 per cent of the Kentucky students attending here are from the eastern section of the state.

● BETHANY, W. VA.—Merritt J. Davis, a member of the board of trustees of Bethany College, recently was honored for his continuing public service by being named as the 1960 Citizen of the Year by his home city of Wellsburg, W. Va. Mr. Davis is president of the Banner Fibre-board Company and has been active in the paper industry for over 40 years.

● FORT WORTH, TEXAS—The Joint Commission on Campus Christian Life of the Board of Higher Education of The United Christian Missionary Society in cooperation with Brite College of the Bible here at Texas Christian University, sponsored a Campus Ministers' Institute in June on "The Vocation of the Campus Minister in Our Time." Eighteen campus ministers from eleven states participated in the institute.

● LEXINGTON, KY.—Dr. Charles Holmes, associate professor of English at Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., has been appointed an associate professor of English here at Transylvania College. A Phi Beta Kappa, Dr. Holmes has B.S. and A.B. degrees from Cornell University and he earned his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Columbia University.

● BETHANY, W. VA.—Twenty-eight persons participated in the third European tour sponsored this summer by Bethany College. The group visited France, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, England and Scotland where they attended the World Convention of Churches of Christ.

TO NEW MINISTRIES

▲ *Lloyd T. Watson* was recently installed as pastor of Bellaire Christian Church, Houston, Tex. The sermon was given by Karl Parker, pastor of First Church, Pasadena, Tex. Among others on the program were Jim Behler, executive director of the Joint Board of Christian Churches, and Lewis McAdow, of Bethany Christian Church.—MISS GAYLE HARRIS.

▲ *Jerry Jones*, minister of education at First Christian Church, Glendale, Calif., has accepted a call from First Christian Church, Whittier, Calif., to become assistant minister and director of youth. He will begin his new work Sept. 1.

▲ *Sanders R. East* of Owensboro, Ky., became the minister of the Church of Christ, Troy, N. Y., on May 1. Mr. East was formally installed as pastor June 12 by Chester A. Sillars, executive-secretary of the Northeastern Area of Christian Churches.

▲ *Jefferson Hamilton*, recently returned from St. Andrews, Scotland, and a graduate of Yale Divinity School, became pastor of the Eagle Mills, N. Y., Church of Christ, Aug. 1. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton were in Scotland while Mr. Hamilton pursued graduate study. Mr. Hamilton was ordained to the Christian ministry on July 17 by his home congregation, First Church, Midwest City, Okla. The ordination sermon was given by Dr. Stephen J. England, dean of The Graduate Seminary, Enid, Okla.

▲ *Vere E. Gillespie* has accepted an interim ministry at the Christian Church, Harrisville, N. Y.

▲ *G. William Wolford* closed a four-year pastorate with the Christian Church in Pfafftown, N. C., to accept a call to serve as minister of Broad Street Christian Church, New Bern, N. C. Ross Allen, executive secretary of the North Carolina Christian Missionary Society, was the speaker for the installation service.

▲ *George J. McClelland*, a senior student at Atlantic Christian College, is working this summer with the youth program at Broad Street Christian Church, New Bern, N. C. He will continue on a part-time schedule this fall.

▲ *Joseph Lee Bryan* is the new minister of education for University Place Church, Champaign-Urbana, Illinois.

▲ *Donald R. Fulton* will begin work Sept. 1 as assistant minister at First Christian Church, Seattle, Wash. Mr. Fulton was ordained on June 26 by his home congregation, First Church, Tacoma, Wash.

▲ *Stanley E. Kain* closed his pastorate with Central Church, Washington, Ind., June 30 to begin serving the Windward Christian Church, Kailua, Hawaii. The latter is a new congregation located in a suburban area of Honolulu, organized through the efforts of First Church of Honolulu and the Department of Church Development of The United Christian Missionary Society.

▲ *Monroe Miles* closed his ministry with West Side Christian Church, Topeka, Kan., on Aug. 7 and will begin a new pastorate today, Aug. 21, with First Christian Church, Newton, Kan.

▲ *Loren Arnett*, for four and one-half years pastor of the Broadway Christian Church, Yakima, Wash., has resigned to accept a call from the Washington and North Idaho Christian Missionary Society to serve as associate director of program services and Christian education. He will make his home in Seattle, Wash., and begin his new work Sept. 6.

▲ *Paul E. Kerr*, for the past four years minister of First Christian Church, Mitchell, Ind., has resigned that position effective Sept. 15. He plans to enroll in The College of the Bible, Lexington, Ky., where he will continue his graduate studies.

▲ *W. Ray Holdren*, a recent graduate of The College of the Bible, Lexington, Ky., has accepted a call to the pastorate of First Christian Church, Gainesville, Ga. He formerly served the Bethlehem Christian Church, Schollsville, Ky.

▲ *Grover Criswell*, a recent graduate of Yale University Divinity School, has accepted a call to serve as associate minister of Hampton Park Church, Toledo, Ohio, where R. A. Deitch is the minister.

**British Columbia and
Alaskan Disciples Attend**

Washington-Northern Idaho Churches Meet

YAKIMA, WASH.—"Temples Still Undone" provided the theme for the 27th annual state convention of the Christian Churches of Washington-Northern Idaho, affiliated with British Columbia and Alaska, held here in First Christian Church, June 27-30.

There were 814 paid registrations and with several hundred others in attendance.

Cleo W. Blackburn, president of Jarvis Christian College, and George Earle Owen, of The United Christian Missionary Society, were the main convention speakers.

Agi Kamikawa, missionary to Japan and native of this state, brought three missionary messages.

Convention President Harvey C. Hartling, pastor of First Church, Centralia, brought the president's message at the opening service. Other state speakers included: Arthur Morgan, Kelso; Holly R. Jarvis, Wenatchee; Robert Hamm, Aberdeen, and John Paul Pack, Seattle.

Raymond Renzema, pastor of First Church in Pomeroy, was the convention song leader and in charge of all music. The Northwest Christian College male quartet sang several times and a preachers' quartet, composed of Walter Naff, Don Te-garden, Daniel Thuma and Gerald Van Doren, presented several numbers. A combined choir from First, Broadway and Englewood churches here in Yakima, under the direction of James Harvey, sang for two evening sessions.

Special recognition was given to Mrs. Merle Jordan Moore in appreciation of her 15 years of service as state director of children's work. Mrs. Moore retired June 30. Also Mrs. Fred Gustafson, Olympia, was recognized for her service during the past four years as state director of youth work.

Resolutions endorsed included: (1) Approval of Decade of Decision program, (2) Abolishment of capital punishment with a view toward a positive program of rehabilitation, (3) Opposed the serving of liquor on airplanes, and (4) Commended the work of the various councils of churches and the American Leprosy Mission.

The 1961 convention will be held in Lewiston, Ida., and next year's officers include: Mrs. Merle Hood, Spokane, president; Ronald W. Yates, Kennewick, vice-president; and Mrs. Cal McCracken, Lewiston, secretary.

NEWS CAPSULES

When Bernard S. Ramsey, minister of Ross Avenue Christian Church, TYLER, TEX., was hospitalized with major surgery last spring, the elders brought the sermons for six consecutive Sundays. Mr. Ramsey returned to his preaching duties April 10 and then for ten consecutive Sundays someone took membership with the church. A total of 25 united with the church during the ten-Sunday period.

Merle L. McConnell, minister of the First Christian Church, LEE'S SUMMIT, MO., served as one of the Protestant chaplains at the National Boy Scout Jamboree in Colorado Springs, July 20-31. He conducted daily worship services for the scouts and assisted in the all-Protestant service on Sunday, July 24, at which time Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, president of the National Council of Churches, spoke.

The first unit of the building program for Bethany Christian Church, EL PASO, TEX., is under construction. Completion date for this \$60,000 temporary sanctuary and fellowship hall has been set for first part of October.

Paul M. Bolman, pastor at Hamilton Avenue Christian Church, ST. LOUIS, MO., spoke at Kirk Memorial Church in Edinburgh, Scotland, while he and Mrs. Bolman were in Edinburgh attending the World Convention of Churches of Christ.

Garfield Memorial Church of Christ, GIBSONBURG, OHIO, finished a successful Vacation Bible School session with 34 children in attendance. Twenty-two had perfect attendance for the two weeks.

First Christian Church, MOBERLY, MO., recently observed the fifth anniversary of the ministry there of Mr. and Mrs. O. Clarence Wickstrom. A special program, patterned on the television program, "It Could Be You," was presented.

The Christian Churches of MISSOURI, through the offices of the Missouri Association of Christian Churches, recently honored Lester B. Rickman, executive secretary of the association, by granting him a trip to Edinburgh, Scotland, to attend the World Convention.

The Oaks Christian Church, HOUSTON, TEX., held its Texas Christian University Round-Up recently. Students leading in the week of preaching and singing were Bill Crittenden and Elaine Valencia.

Vacation Church School was held the last two weeks in June at First Christian Church, CHILLICOTHE, MO., with 69 children enrolled along with 22 teachers and helpers. The theme was "The Church" and one of the highlights of the school was the visitation of each department to the various churches in town.

Christopher T. Garriott, minister of St. Paul Community Church, HOMEWOOD, ILL., was one of the ten ministers from United States who participated in the annual British-American Preachers' Exchange this summer.

Shepherd Park Christian Church, WASHINGTON, D. C., recently completed a series of Sunday morning classes featuring members of congress of the United States. Members of congress who participated included Chester Bowles, Conn., Byron Johnson, Colo.; John Brademas, Ind., James O'Hara, Mich., Merwin Coad, Ia., Chet Holifield, Calif., Charles Diggs, Mich., and Edith Green, Ore.

William H. Mackey, evangelist, conducted a revival meeting for the Woodlawn Christian Church, BIRMINGHAM, ALA., recently resulting in two additions.

Second Christian Church, HOUSTON, TEX., recently completed an evangelistic crusade resulting in 106 new members. Bayne E. Driskill directed the campaign. William P. Deatherage is now in his 21st year as pastor of the church.

Members of First Christian Church, WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., made it possible for its minister, Kermit Taylor and Mrs. Taylor, to attend the World Convention in Edinburgh, Scotland, and also to tour Europe.

R. Melvyn Thompson recently resigned as pastor of First Christian Church, NEW CASTLE, IND., following a 16-year pastorate. The Thompsons are moving to "Riverwood," Rt. 5, Brookville, Ind.

Vacation Church School was held at the Christian Church in NICOMA PARK, OKLA., with an average attendance of 103. Offerings for missionary projects included: \$13.32 for "Meals for Millions" from nursery and beginners; \$16.88 for Project HOPE from primary classes; and \$21.70 for Dr. Rambo's eye operations from juniors and intermediates.

George C. Stuart, professor of preaching at Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, Ind., is serving as ad interim minister at the Central Woodward Christian Church, DETROIT, MICH., during August.

Don Brewer, a member of First Christian Church, McPHERSON, KAN., has recently been granted a scholarship by the National Benevolent Association, to enable him to pursue graduate study for a master's degree in social work. Mr. Brewer is a recent graduate of Phillips University, Enid, Okla.

James A. Crain has been named associate executive director in charge of church cultivation for the Gulfgate Christian Church, HOUSTON, TEX. He will serve on a part-time basis.—Miss Gayle Harris.

—Unwanted—At Fifty

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tive leader of young people I ever knew was a minister past sixty!

Moreover a church large enough to be able to have two or more staff members needs the understanding of people and the ability to lead which comes with experience.

Second, when one examines the business and professional world, outside the church, he soon discovers that a man of fifty and more is at his peak ability.

No business or corporation refuses to consider a man for a specific work, just because he is fifty. It seems to me that our churches need to re-examine this whole matter. When we recruit our best young people, are we to tell them that they are not to expect to continue to grow, professionally, after forty-five, because no church will want them when they approach fifty? Or can we say to them that ability is the chief concern of the churches and that if they are properly prepared, continue to study and grow, keep alert and read and really think, then their greatest opportunities for service will come as they near the peak of ability at fifty and beyond?

This whole matter of preacher placement needs serious consideration. It depends entirely upon the whims, fancies and often misplaced notions of a pulpit committee and their ideas as to what is best for the church.

Therefore, it seems that the problem reverts back to the church and its attitude toward the ministry. Is this high calling one which must rest on chance, on knowing the right people, or is a man to stand on his ability, proven by successful work done across the years? Must the minister, at the very time when his needs are greatest, with children in college, and at the very time when his ability is at its height, be in the position of my friend Unwanted—at Fifty!

Let us think on this!

Charles Addleman Plans Retirement

SALEM, ORE.—Charles Addleman was the guest of honor at a banquet here at First Christian Church recently upon the eve of his retirement from the post of executive secretary for the Oregon Christian Missionary Society.

Many advances occurred during his term in office. The budget of the organized work grew from \$9,000 in 1948 to \$50,000 in 1960.

A full-time director of Christian education and a director of evangelism and church development were called to the staff of the state society.

A new constitution was adopted and functional commissions set up to greatly increase the effectiveness of the society and its program.

Born in Wyoming, Mr. Addleman came to the Pacific Northwest early in life and remained here to serve the church in many capacities. He graduated from Spokane University in 1919. He held pastorate in Orofino, Ida., Clarkston, Wash.; and Kern Park Christian in Portland, Ore., prior to accepting the position with the Oregon Society.

At the banquet he was presented with numerous tributes from past and present associates and a substantial financial gift was given to him.—RAY S. HEWITT.



Charles Addleman

Bride and Groom Sunday Observed

RIVERSIDE, CALIF.—Bride and Groom Sunday was observed here at First Christian Church, June 12. All who had been married under the leadership of the church were invited.

Twenty couples were able to attend, including one "bride and groom" married in the church 41 years ago. Another couple traveled 195 miles for the service.

Corsages were given to the "brides" and all signed the wedding guest book.

Samuel D. McLean is pastor of the church and Edgar D. Weakland is minister of education.

● Parsons Heads Commission

Elected President

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Harry Parsons, minister of the Budd Park Christian Church here, was elected president of the Christian Church Commission of the Greater Kansas City area at the June meeting of the board of directors.

Other officers elected to serve with Mr. Parsons are Mrs. A. A. Layman, Olathe, Kan., a member of the Country Club Christian Church, first vice-president; Harold Stine, minister, Memorial Christian Church, Kansas City, Mo., second vice-president; A. L. Johnson, Mission, Kan., a member of the Countryside Christian Church, third vice-president; Mrs. W. L. Klein, Jr., Overland Park, Kan., a member of the Overland Park Christian Church, recording secretary; and Mrs. Garner Noland, Kansas City, a member of the University Heights Christian Church, treasurer.

The retiring president of the Christian Church Commission is Ivan Matthews.

Harrell A. Rea is the executive secretary of the Christian Church Commission of the Greater Kansas City Area.

Editor Speaks at Eureka

EUREKA, ILL.—Howard E. Short, editor of *The Christian*, addressed the Illinois Laymen's Retreat on Saturday and Sunday, June 25-26, here at Eureka College.

Originated by the men of First Christian Church, Peoria, the program and influence of this annual event is now state-wide and has become the responsibility of Illinois

Christian Men's Fellowship.

The number of men attending the 1960 retreat and the number of churches represented considerably exceeded those of any previous year. A well-received new feature was a Saturday afternoon session of discussion-sharing groups, following the functional pattern of church organization.

● Prof. S. Marion Smith

Giving Bible Lectures At Louisville Oct. 24-26

INDIANAPOLIS—Professor S. Marion Smith, head of the department of New Testament Studies at Christian Theological Seminary here will present the annual Bible Lectures at the 1960 Assembly of Christian Churches at Louisville, Ky.

Prof. Smith will deliver three lectures, on each of the final three days of the assembly. They are scheduled for 10 A.M. on Oct. 24, 25 and 26 in the Kentucky State Fair and Exposition Center, site of the 1960 Assembly.

A graduate of Johnson Bible College and Phillips University, he received his B.A. from the former school in 1927 and his M.A. in 1928 and B.D. in 1935 from the latter school. He has completed resident work at the University of Chicago toward a Ph.D.

Before coming to Christian Theological Seminary in 1945, Prof. Smith was a teacher and dean at Manhattan Bible College, Manhattan, Kan.



Prof. S. M. Smith



GROUND WAS BROKEN June 12 for a three-story education building to be erected by First Christian Church, Ashland, Ohio. The new structure and a remodeling program of present facilities will cost about \$180,000. Mrs. J. Gailard Hall, director of religious education, turns a spade of earth as members of the congregation watch. Harry C. Dougherty (wearing white coat) is the pastor.



WITH HANDS ON THE PLOW, Warren Brahmstedt, chairman of the building committee of the South Suburban Christian Church, Denver, Colo., holds steady as ground is broken on June 26 for the congregation's first new unit. Organized three years ago by the Association of Christian Churches of the Denver Area, the congregation has been meeting in a schoolhouse. Cost of the new structure will be about \$80,000.

NEWS

in focus

PARTICIPANTS IN GROUND-BREAKING services, June 5, at First Christian Church, Holisington, Kan., included representatives from every area of church life, the youngest to the oldest. The new building, scheduled for completion in June, 1961, will consist of a fellowship hall and temporary sanctuary seating 250, along with education facilities to accommodate a church school of 400 members. Clarence H. Zimmerman (standing, far left) is the minister



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, Decatur, Ala., dedicated this education building and fellowship hall recently. Costing over \$65,000 the new unit provides 7,200 square feet of space including an office and kitchen facilities. Robert E. Shaw is pastor of the church and J. T. Beale, secretary-director of the state missionary society, was the dedication speaker.



WICKLIFFE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, Youngstown, Ohio, held dedication services July 3 for this first unit of a long-range building program. The new structure consists of educational facilities and a fellowship hall. Building and site cost approximately \$100,000. H. H. Hoover is pastor of the church.





MOUNT OLIVE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, Wichita, Kan., recently presented God and Country awards to these Boy Scouts (from left): Richard Jordan, Richard Brandenburg, Marshall McKee and Burrell Tallady. Miniature awards were presented to the mothers. Donald Reese is the pastor.



FOUR BOY SCOUTS OF BELTON, Mo., received God and Country awards recently from First Christian Church. Pictured are (from left): Hugh J. Sinclair, minister, Danny Gochnauer, Jimmie Miller, Dick Howell and Bobby Meador.



BOY SCOUT CLIFTON H. ALLEN receives the God and Country award from his minister, William I. Kerr, during services at First Christian Church, Newton Falls, Ohio.

• God and Country

Scouting Awards

PARK PLACE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, Hutchinson, Kan., presented God and Country awards to seven Boy Scouts during church services on June 19. Scouts and participants in the service included (from left, front row): Mike Lasater, Bobby Clegg, Ken Ewing and Robbie Kline; (from left, back row): Scoutmaster Truman Lasater, Don Hayward, David Ewing, Mike Ralph and the minister, Eugene N. Frazier.



FIRST GOD AND COUNTRY AWARD to be presented by the Rogers Heights Christian Church, Tulsa, Okla., was received by Barry Blackman. Scoutmaster John Campbell looks on as Scout Blackman is congratulated by his minister, Lloyd Lambert.



● Organized in 1860
By Elder Alexander Johnson

Church Observes Its 100th Anniversary

GIRARD, ILL.—First Christian Church here celebrated its 100th anniversary July 13-17.

The church began in July, 1860, when a group of religiously concerned people met with Elder Alexander Johnson of the Illinois Christian Missionary Society. During this time the church was organized and its earliest meetings were held in the homes of its members.

Later the group met in store buildings and finally in 1865, the first church building was constructed on the congregation's present site.

The present building was completed in 1905 but has since been improved at various times.

An interesting program was observed during the centennial celebration including an old-fashioned prayer meeting on June 13 conducted by Dr. Lin D. Cartwright, editor emeritus of *The Christian Evangelist*.

A fellowship supper was held on June 14 and the next evening the history of the church was presented in pageant form. Charles E. Dietze, vice-president of The College of the Bible, Lexington, Ky., spoke at a special service held July 17.



First Christian Church, Girard, Ill., is 100 years old.

First Worship Service

HOUSTON, TEXAS—University Christian Church conducted its first worship service here July 10.

The congregation met at the South Central Branch of the YMCA, where services will be held indefinitely.

Plans for the new church have been underway for the past seven months under the leadership of James Behler, executive director of the Joint Board of Christian Churches of Harris County; Herman Burke, director of new church development for The United Christian Missionary Society; and Paul Sims. Mr. Sims, executive director of religious activities for the Texas Christian Missionary Convention and the Texas Board of Christian Churches, will be in charge of the organizational service.—MISS GAYLE HARRIS

New Michigan Church

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.—On June 26 a group of interested people in this community met at the Urbendale Seventh Day Adventist Church to form a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

The group will meet every Sunday morning and evening and also will conduct Wednesday night home meetings.

Obituaries

Elmer R. Sly

Elmer Ross Sly, 82, member of First Christian Church, Greencastle, Ind., died June 26, 1960. He was the father of Virgil A. Sly of The United Christian Missionary Society.

A native of Nebraska, he was baptized in the Christian Church at Bentonville, Ark., when he was 12 years old. Before moving to Indiana in 1933, Mr. Sly had been a carpenter, construction worker and rancher in western Nebraska. Mr. and Mrs. Sly had observed their 61st wedding anniversary.

Survivors include his widow of the home; one son, Virgil Sly, of Indianapolis, Ind.; two brothers, Earl Sly of Albany, Ga., and Ed Sly of Jerome, Ariz.

S. Sugioka

S. Sugioka died June 27, 1960, at his home in Los Angeles, Calif. He was 83 years old. He was the father of James Sugioka, national director of material services for The United Christian Missionary Society, Indianapolis.

Mr. Sugioka left Japan in the late 1890's when still in his teens, taking up residence in California. He worked on the railroad for some time and helped to build the Northern Pacific Railroad westward.

Then he settled as a rancher and orchardist in Hollister, Calif. At the opening of World War II he moved to Denver, Colo., and after the war to Los Angeles, where he made his home.

He is survived by his wife, 10 children, 11 grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Mrs. J. W. Yoho

Mrs. J. W. (Minnie) Yoho died June 2, at the Emily Flinn Home, Marion, Ind. She was the widow of J. W. Yoho, a Christian Church minister, and the mother of Mrs. Mae Yoho Ward of The United Christian Missionary Society and of Mrs. Dee Eldridge of Storrs, Conn.

Mr. Yoho was born (Minnie Katherine McNaull) July 19, 1877, in Toledo, Ohio. She was married to Mr. Yoho in 1912 and resided in Huntington, W. Va., until her husband's death in 1939.

Then she moved to Indianapolis to make her home. Mrs. Yoho was a member of Downey Avenue Christian Church, Indianapolis. Four years ago she took up residence at the Flinn home.

Leyden V. Brown

Leyden V. Brown, 72, a Christian minister serving a community church in Gasconade, Mo., for the past 18 years, died June 15, at his home in Gasconade, following a heart attack.

Mr. Brown was born at Vienna, Mo., Feb. 29, 1888. He was a graduate of Johnson Bible College, and his widow is a niece of Ashley S. Johnson, founder of that institution. During the years of his ministry, he served churches in Iowa, Kansas, Arkansas, and Missouri.

Survivors are Mrs. Brown, three sons, Paul J. and John A. of St. Louis, Earl H. of North Hollywood, Calif., and eight grandchildren.

Earl M. Mayhew

Earl M. Mayhew, 78, died June 11, 1960, at his home in Callao, Mo., after an illness of some six years. Funeral services were held at the Christian Church in Callao conducted by Leo Spurling, Kirksville, Mo., and J. W. Pearson, Moberly, Mo.

An ordained minister of the Christian Church, Mr. Mayhew also served 33 years as a rural mail carrier and postmaster at Callao. He was a member of the Christian Church for 60 years and a reader of "The Christian" for 40 years.

He is survived by his widow of the home; one daughter, Mrs. McElwain, Shawnee, Kan.; one son, Cloyle E. Mayhew, San Francisco, Calif.; three sisters, Miss Debbie Mayhew and Mrs. Eleanor Tillerson of Callao and Mrs. Jessie Frame, Kenosha, Wis.; and four brothers, Marvin, Posey and George Mayhew of Callao and T. S. Mayhew, Syracuse, Kan.

Howard Cook

Howard Cook, 70, died June 25, 1960, in Horton, Kan. An elder in the Christian Church for many years, he served in his younger days as an evangelistic singer with his father O. L. Cook.

Mr. Cook is survived by his widow of the home; two sons, Robert Cook, Lawrence, Kan., and Orville Cook, Topeka, Kan.; one brother, Leland Cook, retired Christian Church minister, San Diego, Calif.; two sisters, Miss Nellie Cook, Kansas City, Kan., and Mrs. Thomas M. Allison, Ivanhoe, Kan.

George C. Dalton

George C. Dalton, superintendent of the church school at Fairview Christian Church, Lynchburg, Va., died May 25, 1960.

TOWARD A BETTER CHURCH

by Samuel F. Pugh

Information Please

How does your church go about getting the information it must have if it is to meet the many needs of the members? How does it learn about the people who are moving, those who are ill, those who have surgery scheduled for "tomorrow morning."

Every minister knows the embarrassment that comes when he is asked about the condition of a member in the hospital, when he has not known that the member has been ill. He knows too that his work is limited by his lack of information every week in the year and that he could be a great deal more help to his people if he had an effective method of discovering their needs.

There are several methods now being used by various ministers or congregations. Each method is only partially successful for there is much important information that never reaches the minister. We pass several ideas on to the readers, as much to make them aware of the need as to recommend any specific technique.

Some churches request every member to call the church office just as soon as any significant information is received. Others use the "pastor's information card," the "Are You Moving?" card (from Christian Board of Publication), or a card of similar nature.

These cards are sometimes filled out simultaneously by the members of the congregation as an act of worship in the Sunday morning service. Sometimes such information cards are taken from the pew racks as needed and dropped in the offering receptacle or handed to the pastor at the door.

There are ministers who have a secretary or member of the department of membership at the door on Sunday morning to make notes of various items of information as the people leave.

One Ohio minister claims to have found the best solution—for him, at least. He uses a portable microphone attached to a cord that hangs around his neck. The congregation knows that after service on Sunday morning their conversation is be-

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ing recorded and that they are expected to tell the pastor about illness and other special needs for his services.

On Monday the pastor and the church secretary unscramble the jumble of conversation, separating the "Good mornings" from the "Please calls" and thereby setting up a part of the minister's work for the week.

The above mentioned methods are of little value unless the entire congregation realizes that the reason for passing such information on to the pastor or the church is that it helps him to be a better minister and helps the church to act like a church. Every congregation is, or should be, concerned with the needs of people and only as those needs are known can the people be served.

Certainly it isn't a matter of prying into a family's personal affairs or asking questions for the sake of statistics. The ministry of the church is based on such things as love, concern, compassion and service. Members, in the spirit of love, can help the church fulfill its ministry by notifying the pastor when they are going to the hospital for surgery, or planning to move, or when they hear of illness in another church family.

The minister misses many opportunities to serve various church families simply because he does not know of the need. Sometimes he is criticized by those who do not understand that he did not call because he was not informed. He is never too busy to be your minister.

As you would call your doctor, call your pastor.

New Atlanta Church

ATLANTA, GA.—A new Christian Church will be established in the Sandy Springs section of this metropolitan area under the direction of the Greater Atlanta Union of Christian Churches. Sixty-five people met on June 19 at the 12-acre building site to set up the initial organization. Charles Thompson, president of the union, presided. The location for the new church was purchased recently at a cost of \$22,500. This will be the first of several new churches to be established in this area.—CHARLES F. SCHWAB.

Relax

CLASSIFICATIONS

A lot of Christians are like wheelbarrows—no good unless pushed.

Some are like canoes—they need to be paddled.

Some are like kites—if you don't keep a string on them they fly away.

Some are like a good watch—open face, pure gold, quietly busy and full of good works.

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MARY HAMLETT GOODMAN



An old-timer is one who remembers when a do-it-yourself kit consisted of a strong pair of hands.

FRANK J. PEPE



A fellow said he hadn't spoken to his wife in months—but he's sure his turn is coming any day now.



"When the fish are bitin' it's awful hard to drag him away for anything!"



"You Are What You Read"

Baptism and Communion

The Atonement and the Sacraments. By Robert S. Paul. Abingdon Press. 400 pages. \$6.50.

Based upon the view that the Lord's Supper and baptism are the centers in which the reconciliation between God and man becomes concretely real in the life of the Church, Dr. Paul has written a stimulating and informative volume.

After defining the term "atonement" he traces the history of the theory of the atonement. He considers the post-Reformation breaks with Calvinism and defines issues confronting theology today.

One of the most constructive aspects of the book is the attempt at the ecumenical view of baptism and the Lord's Supper as the basis of unity in the churches today.

Dr. Paul discloses something of his Oxford training in the English language of the book. It is clearly seen, too, that his service as associate director of the Ecumenical Institute, at Chateau de Bossey, Switzerland, has been helpful in developing a practical approach to Christian Unity.

The historical chapters of Parts I and II are very well done and deserve to be used as a textbook in colleges and seminaries.

It is apparent that the author follows closely the views of P. T. Forsyth, the Aberdeen University theologian, in which emphasis is placed on the view that God is holy.

One of the most helpful sections of the book is the brief study of Forsyth's attempts at a synthesis of existing theories of the atonement.

The volume asserts the idea that the "sacraments" must stand at the center of Christian worship because "both Christian theology and the Church's life of worship center in the redeeming work of God in Christ."

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) readers may be disturbed by the idea that baptism and the Lord's Supper are to Dr. Paul "mere-

ly ordinances." That which revives memory is not "mere," they will say.

These same readers will be pleased that he resorts to biblical proof of the living presence of Christ in the ordinances, and that he puts the Lord's Supper at the center of Christian worship.

His chapter on baptism is extremely thought-provoking. He reviews the case for infant baptism in light of the function of ancient Jewish circumcision. He also reviews the case for believer's baptism.

Because baptism is recognized as the emblem of initiation into the Christian Church by all who accept the "sacraments" it is plainly important to Christian unity. Dr. Paul sees a real dilemma in the modes of baptism found among Christians.

The author's blueprint of a solution, although he denies it is one, is really a clarion call for commitment to Christ within the Church. His somewhat radical view—and for which he makes a splendid case—is briefly as follows:

"I would ask the churches to consider a view of the sacrament that would include the "baptism" of infants followed by confirmation of believers by immersion, not as constituting two baptisms, still less as a form of anabaptism, but as constituting one act, *one sacrament in time*—the sacrament of baptism by water and the Spirit" (p. 357).

A stimulating work! Deserves a wide reading!—NOEL KEITH.

For the Cancer Victim

One Out of Four. By Myrtle Williamson. John Knox Press. 75 pages. \$1.50.

Medical experts predict that cancer will strike one out of every four. This little book, by "the one" of four, begins with the day she first suspected the disease. She tells of the fears, uncertainty and pain she felt, the problems she faced and the ways she learned to deal with

these enemies of faith.

While the disease took her life, she was not so much a victim as she was a victor over cancer because it never touched the inner citadel of her peace, her courage, her laughter, her faith in God and her abiding interest in other people.—R. E. B.

Propers for Pastors

Minister's Prayer Book. Edited by John W. Doberstein. Muhlenberg Press. 492 pages. \$3.75.

The problem of the pastor's personal devotional life is extremely significant in the life of the church. It is that problem which is confronted in the publication of this excellent compilation of the finest of prayers and meditations, specifically for the personal use of the man in the ministry.

Herein are daily prayers and meditations, an outline of "Propers for the Church Year," personal prayers for every occasion, and a virtual encyclopedia of the finest devotional writings on the subject of the minister's life and role. Source materials come from every age in the life of the church including writings from our great contemporaries.

True to his Lutheran background, Doberstein has employed only materials that exalt the Word of God and that glorify the work of the ministry of the Word of God. Here is none of the shallowness and sentimentality that mark too much of the current devotional literature of the church. In fact, the author asserts that one's devotional resource material should also be a "source book of pastoral theology."

Of very great potential worth throughout the years of a man's ministry, and very beautifully bound (including place marker ribbons) in two editions, this is a work that will enrich the life and ministry of every pastor, seminary student, or church staff worker.—JACK E. BARKER.

Loan for a Decade

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—A Decade of Decision interest-free loan fund has been established by the Board of Church Extension according to an announcement by William T. Pearcey, president.

The action, authorized by Church Extension directors, sets aside all receipts from the Decade of Decision's new church advance program to assist in the financing of new church projects begun during the Decade.

In general, requests covering disbursement of the funds will be the same as for Church Extension's Unified Promotion receipts, except that they will be used exclusively for projects initiated after January 1, 1960.

Within the decade period only new congregations three years old or less will be assisted from the fund.

Interest-free loans will usually be granted in conjunction with an interest-bearing loan and must apply to the purchase of choice sites or the erection of first units.

Among the conditions governing the disbursement of these funds is the stipulation that a church must

have the services of a full-time minister. Also, the project must have the support of a responsible Christian church or Christian church organization.

20 College Luncheons Set Up at Louisville

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—Twenty colleges and seminaries have scheduled special luncheons on two days of the 1960 International Convention of Christian Churches at Louisville in October.

The college and university luncheons will be held primarily on Monday with seminaries meeting Tuesday. Reservations are being made through the specific schools.

On Monday, Oct. 24, the following institutions will meet: Hiram College, Lynchburg College, Bethany College, Eureka College, Culver-Stockton College, Cotter College, Transylvania College, Atlantic Christian College, Chapman College, Northwest Christian College, Johnson Bible College, Texas Christian University and Brite College of the Bible, and Christian College (Ga.).

On Tuesday the following seminaries will meet: The College of

the Bible, Christian Theological Seminary, Disciples Divinity House at Vanderbilt University, Missouri School of Religion, Disciples Divinity House at University of Chicago, Phillips University and The Graduate Seminary, and Drake University and The Divinity School of Drake.

In addition to these noon luncheons, several of the schools will hold other fellowship and business gatherings for their alumni.

BOOKS RECEIVED

"The Theology of the Major Sects," By John H. Gerstner. Baker Book House. 206 pages. \$3.95.

"The Gospel We Preach," Sermons on a Series of Gospels for the Church Year. By Sixty-eight Lutheran Pastors. The Augustana Press. 374 pages. \$3.75.

"Acolytes and Altar Guilds," By Peter Amos Reinertsen. The Augustana Press. 149 pages. \$3.50.

"A Treasury of Funeral Messages," By John R. Chiles. Baker Book House. 161 pages. \$2.50.

"The Overseas Americans," By Harlan Cleveland, Gerard J. Mangone, and John Clark Adams. McGraw-Hill Book Company. 316 pages. \$5.95.

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—Alexander Campbell



Letters . . .

Missed As Few

Editor, *The Christian*:

F. E. Davison will be missed as few men among us would be, not only by his readers but by a great number of personal friends made during his unusually active ministry. In his middle years he developed qualities of leadership that extended his usefulness. By his penchant for writing he kept himself alive and alert far beyond the time when most public men succumb to the subtle intimations of oncoming age.—S. S. LAPPIN, *Bedford, Ind.*

Losses

Editor, *The Christian*:

The Christian, as well as our brotherhood, has suffered a great loss with the passing of F. E. Davison and Warren Hastings.

The issue of July 3 carried another letter from S. S. Lappin. I hope his voice may be heard among us awhile longer to aid us in clear, logical thinking.—MRS. ROYCE N. KENT, *Omaha, Neb.*

A Recent Comment

Editor, *The Christian*:

You have a world-wide following reading Dr. Davison's page every week. His replies, in humorous ways, smooth many ripples. May I, for one, thank you.—MARGARET MOORE, *Pettus, Tex.*

Best Investment

Editor, *The Christian*:

Certainly you find yourself the editor of the most widely read publication of our entire brotherhood. The report of the members of our congregation is the same as elsewhere: "I read *The Christian* from cover to cover." I feel the "Let's Talk It Over" column by F. E. Davison and the "Toward a Better Church" column by Samuel F. Pugh are definitely among the most outstanding features.

Just yesterday an issue's column "Toward a Better Church" was quoted to our congregation by one of our leaders concerning articles of incorporation which we were in the process of adopting. It served

as real guidance on this matter.

In the 17 years I have been a member of the Christian Church, 15 of which was preparing for the ministry and serving as one, I have become acquainted with our brotherhood leadership. Thus, to me, one of the most significant sections is the "News Capsules." The editorials of *The Christian* are also outstanding. I especially appreciate the "Editor's Comment" at the close of some of the letters which are received. They reveal the careful thought of a sincere Christian trying to do what is right by all of the brotherhood.

All of our active members receive *The Christian* by the bundle plan. It is certainly one of the best investments our church makes in its members.—RICHARD K. MARKLAND, *Kearney, Mo.*

Capsules

Editor, *The Christian*:

"Campus Capsules" is a good idea! —CECIL F. MCKEE, senior chaplain, Texas Department of Correction, Huntsville, Texas.

No Compromise

Editor, *The Christian*:

I enjoy *The Christian* very much, especially the letters on the free discussion page and the articles by F. E. Davison. However, I disagree with what W. W. Williams of Columbia, Mo., said in his article on "Consistency" (*The Christian*, April 17, 1960). I think most of the ministers in our brotherhood are willing to leave the matter of church membership in the hands of Christ, but it was Christ who guided Paul to write in Ephesians 4:5 that there is just "one baptism." And in Romans 6:4, Paul writes that that one baptism is a *burial*. As Christians we are to be kind and friendly to everyone, but we are not to compromise. Christ never compromised with the religious leaders of his day. And if we are to follow in his steps, we need to take the same stand.—DENNIS REYNOLDS, *Danville, Va.*

Understanding or Conviction

Editor, *The Christian*:

W. F. Bruce makes good sense in his letter on "Internal Unity" (*The*

Christian, May 1, 1960), especially where he says, "We can have unity among us, an undisturbed brotherhood, only if we try to understand, rather than convince one another, for these differences are considerable though not vital." But he contradicts himself by calling the unimmersed Christians, "short-on-obedience Christians."

He must try to understand that unimmersed Christians, even though baptized in infancy, and then confirmed at the age of twelve years, firmly believe that they are just as obedient as regards baptism as the immersed.

After all, what good shepherd would bring the sheep into the fold where it is warm and safe and leave the little lambs outside in the cold, where they could be preyed upon by wolves?—R. E. HOFMEISTER, *Hicksville, Ohio.*

Approval

Editor, *The Christian*:

I wish to express my approval of C. Harvey Lord's article, "Needed—a Loyal Opposition," appearing in *The Christian* of March 21, 1960. To discourage intelligent and honest opposition is unnecessary and can be hurtful.—CASPAR C. GARIGUES, *Kansas City, Mo.*

Understanding in Trust

Editor, *The Christian*:

How encouraging it is for us to hear of meetings drawing together "Independents" and "Cooperatives!" (*The Christian*, May 15, 1960.) Since we are convinced that much of our difference has come about because of personality clashes or because of allegations made in ignorance by men who do not know those whom they charge, we tend to believe that such meetings will bring our leaders to a new appreciation of each other, and hence to a new sense of brotherhood.

God grant that such gatherings may never be plagued by doubts of the sincerity and integrity of persons on either side! Mutual understanding in trust will strengthen our total witness in Christ and hasten the day when his Church will be one.—JACK E. BARKER, *Hendrietta, Tex.*

—HE WENT TO BUCKINGHAM PALACE

(Continued from page 4.)

God, with its silent beckoning,

"... till at some sudden turn
one sees
Against the black and mutter-
ing trees
God's altar, wonderfully
white,
Among the Forests of the
Night."

For the faithful Christian this call is always a gilt-edged summons from the King of eternal life. It is a divine recognition of the dedicated soul who has heroically and devotedly served the cause of righteousness on earth. Too often we are guilty of prying into this subject of death like a coroner who wishes to determine "the cause."

The cause of death for the true Christian is an invitation to appear in God's eternal courts. Death lies dead for the person who by faith has entered into fellowship with the One who emerged from the tomb. For him it becomes only the summons to meet the King in the courts of everlasting life. There the Christian is "surrounded . . . by the serried ranks of witnesses." The King in his beauty looks at him through eyes that shine with a light never seen on land or sea. And the Voice, sounding like the chiming of a carillon at eventide, is heard to say: "Well done, good and faithful servant; . . . enter into the joy of your master."

My friend concluded the account of the day he went to Buckingham Palace with these words: "As I stood in the presence of the king, and heard his warm words of gratitude, I felt well repaid for all the sleepless nights and strenuous days I had spent in his service." So we struggle here. Strengthened by his might in the inner man we wrestle against the forces of evil in ourselves and in our world.

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LET'S TALK IT OVER

by F. E. Davison

QUESTION: You have stated that boys and girls as well as young people should be made to feel that they are a part of the church. Just how can that be accomplished?

ANSWER: First of all, there must be the cooperation of parents. If these parents make the church important in their family life and give some time to teaching the importance of church attendance the children are likely to think of the church as one of their prize possessions and church attendance as a high privilege.

Second, there must be the cooperation of the church school teachers. This can be done by an interesting study with boys and girls concerning the nature and function of the church. Of utmost importance the teacher must not merely point the way to the church services; he (or she) must lead the way.

Also the minister has many parts to play in this drama of church attendance. In the pastor's class or at the time when the good confession is made, the minister should take the opportunity to say to boys and girls that when they have united with the church they are as much a part of holy fellowship as is the oldest member.

The morning prayer gives the pastor opportunity to seek divine blessings upon the children who are present and this will help the boys and girls to know that they have been noticed by

Dr. Davison died June 28, 1960. In tribute to him we are continuing to run the columns we have on hand.

their pastor. Children, six or sixty, like to be noticed by the minister.

It was my practice during most of my ministry, not only to notice the youth, but also to use them as much as possible in various ways during the regular worship services of the church. I highly commend this custom.

Some 30 years ago I learned something about children that proved a real blessing to my ministry. A teacher reported that while preparing for a "flower drill" to be given on Children's Day, one little girl objected to her assignment to be a daisy. However she said, "But, I wouldn't mind preaching the sermon." At first I laughed at the incident, yet it became more difficult to laugh it off.

Across many years I had heard songs and seen drills on Children's Day and I wondered why children should not have a chance to express themselves on this special day. Therefore, the next morning I called this girl's home and asked for Martha and said, "Martha, we will be having Children's Day in three weeks—how would you like to preach the sermon?" Much to my surprise the answer came saying, "Why, Mr. Davison, I would be glad to."

I told her to write down her ideas and come to see me. I helped not only to write her sermon but drilled her for several days on how to deliver it. The message was received by the congregation more enthusiastically than any sermon I could have preached on that Children's Day.

From that day until the close

of my work as a pastor we had no more "flower drills" on Children's Day. During more than 20 years I would approach some boy or girl and ask "Would you like to preach the sermon on Children's Day?" Never once was I refused. Boys and girls would assist with the worship and others would serve as ushers. If possible, we would have a children's choir.

It is true that some adults objected to the use of so many boys and girls and I believe one couple left the church because the minister paid too much attention to this younger group. My only answer to that criticism is that three or four of those boys later became ministers and many of the girls are now leaders in their respective churches. I realize that every minister has to use his own plans but as for me I have found joy in helping young people grow into mature Christian adults.



"I distinctly told you 'NO STARCH!'"

